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Brothers flee raging barn fire

Carnarvon blaze destroys building

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

When Paul and Daniel Roberts woke up in the middle of the night on Monday, they thought one of them had left the heat up too high.

Then they looked outside their basement apartment window and saw an orange glow lighting up the dark sky. It was when they heard a crackling sound that they began to put it all together. They opened the door to their apartment and were horrified to see the rest of the building in flames.

Grabbing a few things, they rushed outside and called 911 on their cell phone.

The brothers were living in an apartment underneath the barn that sits beside Bruce Mason's house on the West Line Road in Carnarvon.

By the time Stanhope firefighters arrived, the barn was completely engulfed.

Bruce Mason was planning on coming to the farmhouse for Easter and one of the things on his to-do list was to get a cradle that was being stored in the barn. His grandfather had built it from a red pine cut down on Little Hawk Lake. The cradle was a gift for Mason's five children and Mason, a chiropractor in Hamilton, was going to give it to his son and daughter-in-law who are expecting a child next month.

The cradle, as well as other family heirlooms belonging to his wife, were lost to the fire.

"It's a down day at the Mason home today," he said from his practice in Hamilton.

He's bringing up some clothes for the brothers who worked for him at a sawmill on the property. They lost most of their possessions in the fire.

CAROL MOFFATT/Special to The Echo

A Stanhope firefighter works on a barn fire in Carnarvon early Monday morning. Firefighters were called to the blaze on the Lumber Lane sawmill property on West Rd. around 3 a.m. to find the building fully engulfed and the roof caved in, lighting up the sky. Two men living in the barn's converted basement escaped unscathed; the mill and the farmhouse were unharmed by the blaze. No word on the cause has been issued.

Gun outlaw rides into Haliburton

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

One of the nation's most outspoken critics of the government's strict gun control legislation came to town last Tuesday evening, asking local gun owners for their financial support in his upcoming trial.

Bruce Montague, who was arrested last September for not complying with regulations under Bill C-68, told a jam-packed crowd at the Haliburton fish hatchery that the issue goes beyond the mere ownership of firearms.

"It's not about hunting. It's not about target shooting. It's not about handguns or shotguns, or which gun might be classified as a good gun or a bad gun – if there is such a thing. It's not even about the billions of dollars wasted on this ill-conceived law. It's about one thing and one thing only: our rights," said Montague, a gunsmith who has lost his business for refusing to register himself and his guns to the Canadian Firearms Centre.

Bruce Montague faces ten years in prison should the courts find him guilty for not complying with Bill C-68.

Montague had been purposely trying to get arrested for the past two years as a public display of civil disobedience. On September 11, 2004, his wish finally came true when police arrested him at a gun show in his hometown of Dryden, Ontario. Since then, Montague has taken up the role of martyr among those opposed the controversial bill.

"I can't see how any Canadian can put up with this without getting angry," said Montague. "I think we should stay angry until this problem gets rectified."

Bill C-68 has been heavily criticized for grossly exceeding its original budget of $2-million. Auditor General Sheila Fraser has estimated it will cost more than $1-billion by the time all gun owners and their guns are registered. Gun owners who feel the government is unfairly targeting the wrong people.

"Let's have a registry of people who are prohibited from owning guns," Montague said

Montague was introduced by local conservative MP Barry Devolin, who said the amount of money spent on gun registration would be better served in other areas of law enforcement. He also couldn't resist taking a jab at the Liberals, the party responsible for Bill C-68.

"This is one issue where it's pretty easy to see where the parties stand,"

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Hydro invests $3 million in local upgrades

Hydro One is spending more than $3 million to substantially upgrade the electricity delivery system to Haliburton, Minden and surrounding area. This is part of a three-year $9 million program to improve reliability in the area.

The project includes upgrading the line from Pinestone Distribution Station (DS) along Highway 121 serving the village of Haliburton, and construction of a new line from Minden TS to Pinestone DS. Several lines out of the Minden Transformer Station (TS) feeding Cranberry Lake DS, Kennisis Lake DS and Tory Hill DS (that supply municipalities of Dysart et al and Highlands East) are being replaced with new upgraded circuits along road allowances. The new Kennisis Lake and Tory Hill lines replace circuits deep in the bush, and will allow for much easier access and faster restoration in the event of storm damage or equipment failure.

A major fuse co-ordination project will also be undertaken to ensure that fuse protection and conductor size of the lines out of Minden DS along South Lake Road are appropriately sized for the electrical load.

Hydro One staff are presently staking the route of the relocated lines. The scope of this project will necessitate some short-term road closures and planned power outages, and affected customers will be notified in advance to minimize inconvenience. Use of helicopters is planned for March 23 to assist in assessing the cost of removing old lines.

Engineering work budgeted at more than $400,000 is under way now for another $6 million project scheduled over the next two years. This involves replacing three existing 44,000 volt lines that run through rough terrain with new circuits along road allowances. These lines serve Halls Lake DS and Gull River DS (supplying the municipalities of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands.)

"These programs are an example of our proactive approach and commitment to improve reliability," says lines manager Bill Smeaton. "We're listening to our customers and we're working to improve our service."

Gun law challenged

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said Devolin. "Only the Conservative Party opposes it and one of our first actions will be to repeal this bill."

Montague says that he needs $300,000 to mount an effective case against the government. If he fails, he faces up to 10 years in prison. His mother, Margaret, says she fully supports her son's fight but was clearly hesitant when asked if 10 years in prison was worth it.

"Personally? Um…." The Haliburton resident took a long pause to consider her answer. "I respect him for what he's doing but I would feel badly if it happened."

Bruce says the right to own arms is constitutionally protected and that the government is depriving people of the right to defend themselves. He asked those present if they thought a police officer would arrive in time to save them if their lives were in danger.

"There is a good chance that they will arrive in time to fill out a report and draw that pretty little chalk line around your body," said Montague. "On the other hand, I don't know of a single individual who, if their life was threatened, or a bear came into their kitchen, wouldn't use a firearm if it was available to them."

It is likely the trial will commence some time in the fall. Montague expects to hear a favourable verdict in the lower courts. The situation becomes more uncertain should the case go to the Supreme Court.

"Part of what gave me the courage to do this," said Montague, "was the thought that no judge is going to throw me in jail for 10 years over this – I hope."

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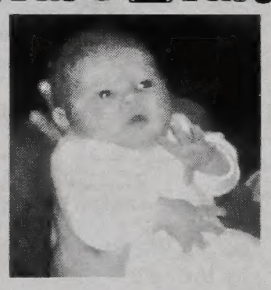

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Chefs prepare a feast of foods

Fundraiser helps Fleming students

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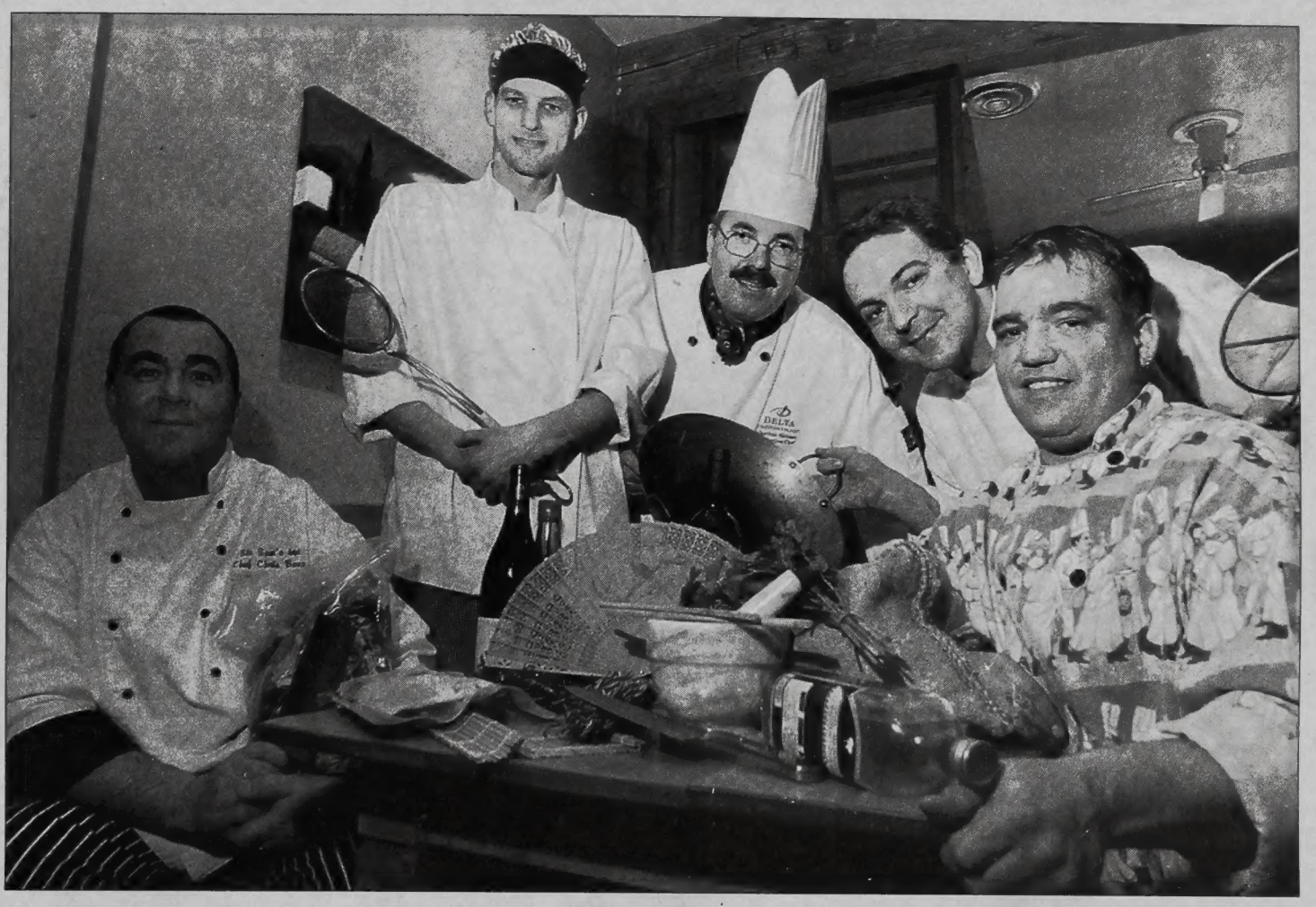


DARREN LUM/Echo

Local chefs are hosting the annual Feast of Foods. With an Asian flair, this year's event is going to be held at the Sir Sandford Fleming College in the great hall on April 2. From left are Sir Sam's chef Chris Baux and sous chef Dave Howson, Delta Pinestone Resort chef Gord Skinner, The Old Country House chef Christoph Carl, and The In House Chef Alex McCracken Absent are The Wild Orchid's Suhan Khamduag, Camp Wanakita's Ron Tenthorey, McKeck's Harold Airhart and Dave Snow.

It's just after lunch time and Chef Christoph Carl is taking a break by the Old Country House fireplace. After a few minutes of talking up the upcoming Feast of Foods fundraiser, an annual food extravaganza that supports Fleming College, an unknown woman interrupts the interview to tell him something on her way out.

"That's the best meal I've had in a long, long time," says the woman, who indulged in a medium-done lamb burger, "and I work in downtown Toronto."

The George Brown culinary graduate is self-effacing toward the compliment but it bodes well for the April 2 Feast of Foods, where Carl and several other local chefs will offer a host of gourmet treats.

"It's just a way to give back to the community," says Carl.

This year's theme is the Far East, which means Asian food fans will have their choice of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Thai, among others.

Carl will be preparing Sri Lankan cuisine, which may include such delectables as monkfish and crab curry. Or how about perfectly steamed fish in banana leaves?

The event will be held in the Great Hall at Fleming College with different stations set up by the various chefs. The interactive setting is something Carl says is ideal for chefs.

"It means that the chefs can talk and mingle with the people," says Carl.

There will also be a live auction, emceed by Gordon Cressy which will include a beautiful acrylic painting by Brian Atyeo. Following the auction, people can dance to the tunes of The Lincolnaires, a 60s rock'n'roll band.

In past years, the event was held in more gastronomic settings such as the Delta Pinestone Resort. This year, however, the college wanted to open up its own doors.

"We really wanted to showcase the campus," says organizer Janet O'Neil. "There has been such a huge effort by this community to get this campus built that we felt it appropriate."

Chefs like Carl try to get all the food donated by suppliers. For their part, the chefs spend up to five days doing necessary food preparation for the big day.

Monies raised from the evening will go toward funding student scholarships and bursaries.

Tickets are $125 a person, of which $75 is eligible for a tax receipt. To purchase tickets contact Janet O'Neil at 457-1680.

Fleming principal searches for new program ideas

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

As Barb Bolin takes a seven-month sabbatical from her responsibilities as principal of the the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College, Lynn Watson is looking forward to the challenges of taking on the role of interim principal.

When you work at the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College, summer is not a time to take it easy. Instead, it's all hands on deck to make sure the 3,000 students enrolled in the Haliburton School of the Arts have everything they need to make their week-long courses memorable.

This summer, Barb Bolin is looking forward to re-discovering what those months of warm idyll are supposed to be about. She'll be finishing up a seven-month working hiatus from her responsibilities as principal of the Haliburton Fleming campus.

Part unpaid holiday, part paid sabbatical, she's spending the seven months finding out what other communities across North America are doing to attract and retain arts students.

For instance, during a March vacation in Colorado she's going to drop by Anderson Ranch in Aspen. Aspen is much the same as Haliburton: it has a prime tourism season that's offset by a long lull of inactivity. It has developed a highly successful arts program to attract visitors during that slow time and Bolin wants to find out how they did it.

Then, in June and July, she'll be visiting arts schools in Maine, Vermont and North Carolina that have the same goals and aspirations as the Haliburton School of the Arts. She even hopes to be able to take an arts course herself.

"We do things very well but there are always things to learn," she says. "But it's also to build relationships with other institutions that might offer exchange opportunities or other opportunities [for our students] to go somewhere else."

Before that she'll take a six-day training course through Artscape in Toronto. Some of the topics to be included are how to create an "arts cluster" so that artists can move to the area and set up their studios.

"Some graduates [of the School of the Arts and other arts programs] want to stay in Haliburton and we need to figure out how to provide them with space for their studios," Bolin says. "They come here for many years, fall in love with the area and want to raise their families here."

The timing is right for new initiatives. "With the new building we have the potential to expand our programs in the spring and late summer and to look at more professional level and specialized courses," Bolin says.

Lynn Watson also sees this as an opportunity for growth. She'll be filling in for Bolin during the seven months.

Watson grew up in Carnarvon and is very familiar with Haliburton and the Fleming campus. (Her sister Barb Winn works there.) She joined Fleming's Peterborough campus in 1990, working her way up to her current position as manager of academic planning and operations for the Peterborough and Lindsay campuses.

This new job will introduce Watson to facility management and community relations at a time when Haliburton is expanding its programs. (There have been three new programs since last fall and a new one being introduced in April. Next year the school is starting a new photographic arts certificate program and sculpture certificate program. Watson has been very much involved with the launch of these new programs.)

On the other hand, Bolin says Watson brings a new skill set to the job as principal and has a vast knowledge of how the other campuses operate.

"She brings a whole lot of understanding of college systems and relationships with people within the college. In the long run it will strengthen our relations with people within the college."

Both women praise the college's approach to supporting its staff and nurturing their career growth.

"There's great support for innovation and individuals," Watson says. "They provide opportunities that you can take advantage of. It's a really positive culture. The business you're involved in is always exciting and it feels like you're contributing.

"It makes you want to come to work every day."

Keep the Frost available to all

That was the overwhelming message sent out at Dorset workshop

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Frost Centre has a lot of potential but whoever taps into it had better make sure that it remains a resource for all Ontarians.

Or at least that's what the 80 people gathered at the Dorset Recreation Centre said on Saturday when they attended a public workshop on the future of the Frost.

Given their druthers, most of the people want the provincial government to realize the folly of closing the natural resources training and education facility south of Dorset and simply re-open it as it was.

Although a formal poll wasn't taken, if that option isn't available then they'd like the province to continue owning the various buildings and the 40 acres they sit on. The facility could then be leased out to a corporation or organization that has the best interests of the environment in mind.

Basically, everyone in the room was a staunch supporter of the Frost Centre and what it used to stand for. They want it as a place where people can come to learn how to manage our natural resources, whether that's elementary school students or Conservation Officers, or Outward Bound enthusiasts, or eco-tourists. It's an outdoor classroom that can never be replaced by a website.

But there were divisions in philosophy. One participant argued that the province had to recognize that it has a role in paying for the upkeep of the Frost.

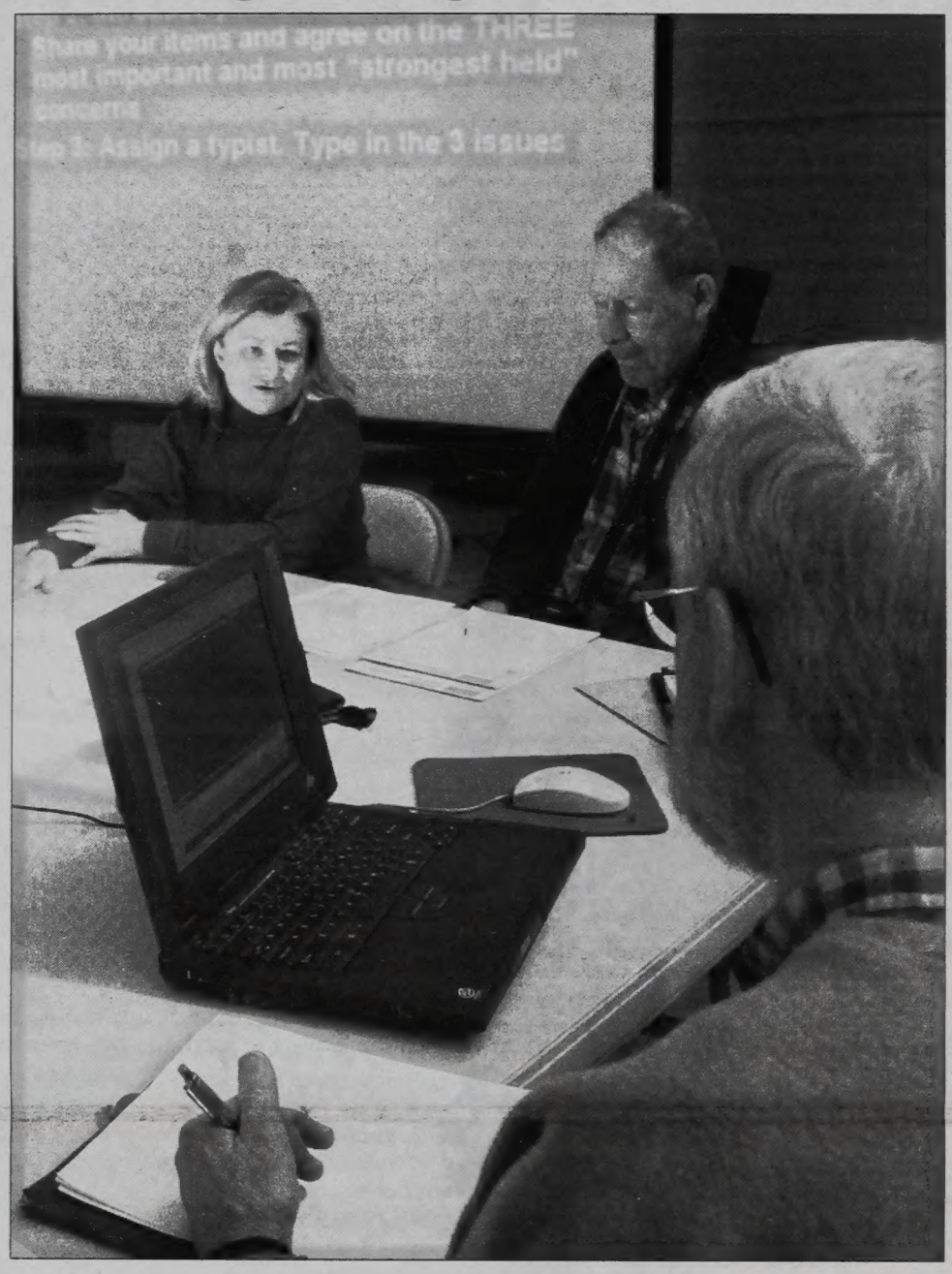
"This facility shouldn't have to be a money maker," he said. "The long-term greater good for citizens has to be taken into consideration."

He, like several others, felt that the Frost should remain within the public domain.

"I think it's naïve to think that way," said Marianne Collins has been laid off by governments more than once. She once worked at the Frost but is now at the Royal Ontario Museum.

"We have to be more open to private sponsorships," she said. "I think you'll have to go a different route."

Collins believes that the Frost has to do a better job of marketing itself. Not enough people know what it has to offer as an educational facility attached to 24,000 hectares of forests and lakes.



From left, Marianne Collins, Ted Koehler and Dave Heaven at the Frost Centre public information session held Saturday in Dorset. A second meeting will be held tonight, also in Dorset at the Rec Centre.

"I think people have to get over it being an isolated community. Think bigger."

There are busloads of people who go to Algonquin Park to take in the fall colours yet the Frost's trails go largely unnoticed, she said

That garnered a reaction from Pam Marsales, who replied, "Oh no, I don't want to go there." She went to Algonquin in the fall and the trails were swarming with people.

Collins' reaction to that? "Then you die."

At the end of the meeting, the eight tables of participants were asked to vote on a long list of future options. Six tables voted in favour of the following uses: multi-use training/education for credit/non-credit courses for all ages, year round, on a wide variety of low-impact topics sponsored by trades, commercial, industrial, research, education, science, outdoor, environmental, personal growth, arts sector."

Five tables also chose "to be established as a training and conference centre for groups such as the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Environment, fire, police, Sir Sandford Fleming College, arts, foresters, camp leadership education... and that all the funds from this go to the centre and the lands."

Money, of course, will be an issue. It cost approximately $2.1 million a year to operate the Frost, not including capital costs (such as a new water and sewage system that is required under new provincial laws). The government said there was about a $500,000 shortfall between costs and income, but participants said that figure is debatable because the MNR and other ministries did not always charge themselves for using the Frost.

It's not yet known how the province will view the possible sale of the Frost Centre. Will it sell the Frost for a dollar to a group that remains committed to its principles? Is it willing to retain ownership and lease the facility?

The workshop was sponsored by the Frost Centre Working Committee, which was formed by the province to come up with a business plan for the Frost's future. The committee has given itself a deadline of June because, as chairman Brian Desbiens told the group, it is important to get the Frost Centre open again as soon as possible.

"I'm really pleased with the turnout," he said in his closing remarks. "You all have very strongly-held views and it's very helpful. It helps to energize the committee.

"If you have any bright ideas, give them to us... We haven't been overwhelmed by the number of groups that have come forward [to express an interest in taking over management.] If you can think of concrete groups or enterprises that we should be going to, tell us."

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IGA owner fed up with illegal parking

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 14 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Haliburton IGA manager Bob Park has asked council to slap a fine on unauthorized vehicles parking in his store's disabled parking spots.

Reeve Murray Fearrey wants to consult with Park further before approving any resolutions. Council is hesitant to police the parking lots of private enterprise, believing they are best self-governed. There is also fear that special attention to IGA will cause other business owners to want similar service, thereby stretching the limited resources of the municipality.

"We're not going to be able to do it for everybody", said Fearrey.

The reeve also was incredulous that people deliberately park in disabled parking spaces and wondered whether more threatening signage would change the situation. The penalty for disabled parking offences is $300.

Recycling request

Fearrey said that supporting a recycling initiative at the Haliburton Lake public beach is the right thing to do. The request came from Barb Hammond, vice president of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association, who felt recycling amenities at the popular beach would help divert a significant amount of waste from municipal dumpsites. Council is also looking into providing the same thing for the township's other public beaches.

Gas tax

Council supported an initiative from the County of Dufferin that calls for the provincial government to develop a new formula for municipal gas tax rebates. The resolution requires rebates to be based on a per lane kilometre of roadway in order to assist municipalities with the heavy cost of road repair.

Signage

Council granted the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network permission to install signs and posts around Head Lake as part of a proposed pedestrian and bicycle route. The work is part of the network's Head Lake Trail Route project, which aims to develop a five-kilometre trail that will circumnavigate the entire lake. The trail is designed solely for non-motorized uses.

Highlands Games

The Haliburton Highland Games has been given the official go-ahead from the council members. They approved a request from Highland Games chair Jim Frost for use of Head Lake Park on July 9. Council also gave approval for a 30-minute parade, which will start at the arena parking lot and end up in Head Lake Park. The OPP will be contacted to arrange for traffic control.

Dog owners in Highlands East warned to leash their pets

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from last Tuesday's Highlands East council meeting.

Fire Chief Don Middleton, who is also doubling these days as a bylaw enforcement officer, won't be tolerating dogs running loose anymore.

Middleton says he has received several complaints about dogs getting into people's garbage and even scaring people, though he notes no one has been attacked yet.

Offending owners will be slapped with a $140 fine, something Middleton has already started to do.

Middleton said it's been a problem since last summer but in particular the last couple of months. Apparently, efforts to let owners off with a mere warning have not been an effective strategy.

He also advised council that dogs running deer in the wintertime are subject to $190 from ministry officials.

Veteran support

Council adopted an initiative from Midland Township that will exempt veterans from parking violations.

The resolution, in support of the Veteran Recognition program, stipulates that vehicles displaying a veteran's licence plate shall not be ticketed for parking on expired time at a meter or municipal parking lot.

The purpose of the resolution is to acknowledge the sacrifices by the men and women who served in the Canadian Armed Forces.

New Appointees

The township officially appointed William Knifton, Bob Young, and Grant McCrea as pound keepers and fence viewers.

Knifton was also designated as stock evaluator and trench inspector.

Meanwhile, Vic Poulin was appointed to the board of directors for the Wilberforce and Area Police Volunteer Association.

Recreation use expanded

Committees of council, other than recreation committees, are now officially authorized to use municipal recreation facilities free of charge. The resolution was passed under the conditions that functions must be for the benefit of the community and that users are responsible for the ensuing clean up.

Kudos for township

The Ministry of Public Safety and Security congratulated the township upon completing all the necessary documentation for its emergency management program.

The letter stated that the township's efforts are a "key element of our shared responsibility to the residents of Ontario."

Last December the government mandated that all Ontario municipalities implement an emergency management program in accordance with provincial guidelines.

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Time is running out

Hindsight is a luxury that armchair critics, such as editorial writers, gleefully indulge in. Put the critics in the position of coming up with those better solutions, however, and they too are bound to make mistakes. Different mistakes maybe, but mistakes nonetheless.

So, given that Saturday's public forum on the future of the Frost Centre came up with no concrete ideas, how could it have been done better? First off, it could have been assumed that the core values which made the Frost Centre such an important part of our cultural and environmental landscape must endure. That would have eliminated the first hour of round table discussions. After all, that's why the 80 people at the Dorset Recreation Centre had given up their Saturday morning to try to help the Frost Centre working committee draw up a plan on how to re-open the Frost. These people already believed in the Frost. All the arguments about why it was wrong of the provincial government to close it had already been made, often very eloquently.

echo **editorial**

martha perkins

Likewise, while it was useful to discuss what sort of future role the Frost should play, that discussion is old news for the working committee. It's given itself until June to come up with a business plan to present to the province. That business plan has to have a proposal not about ideas and values, but of a new ownership model. The committee needs to name names. It has to have contacts and reassurances that the new owners or lease holders can make a go of maintaining what is, despite its public role in educating people about how to manage our natural resources, a business that must at least break even. It won't be enough to tell the government that it's the government's role to keep the Frost Centre open.

Saturday's meeting therefore ended where, in humble hindsight, it should have begun. Who are those corporations or organizations which can take over the Frost or at least become part of its client base? How do you tap into the energy and enthusiasm of the people who willingly spend a Saturday morning talking about the Frost to come up with lists and names? Time is running out and the pressure on the working committee is more intense than it's ever been.

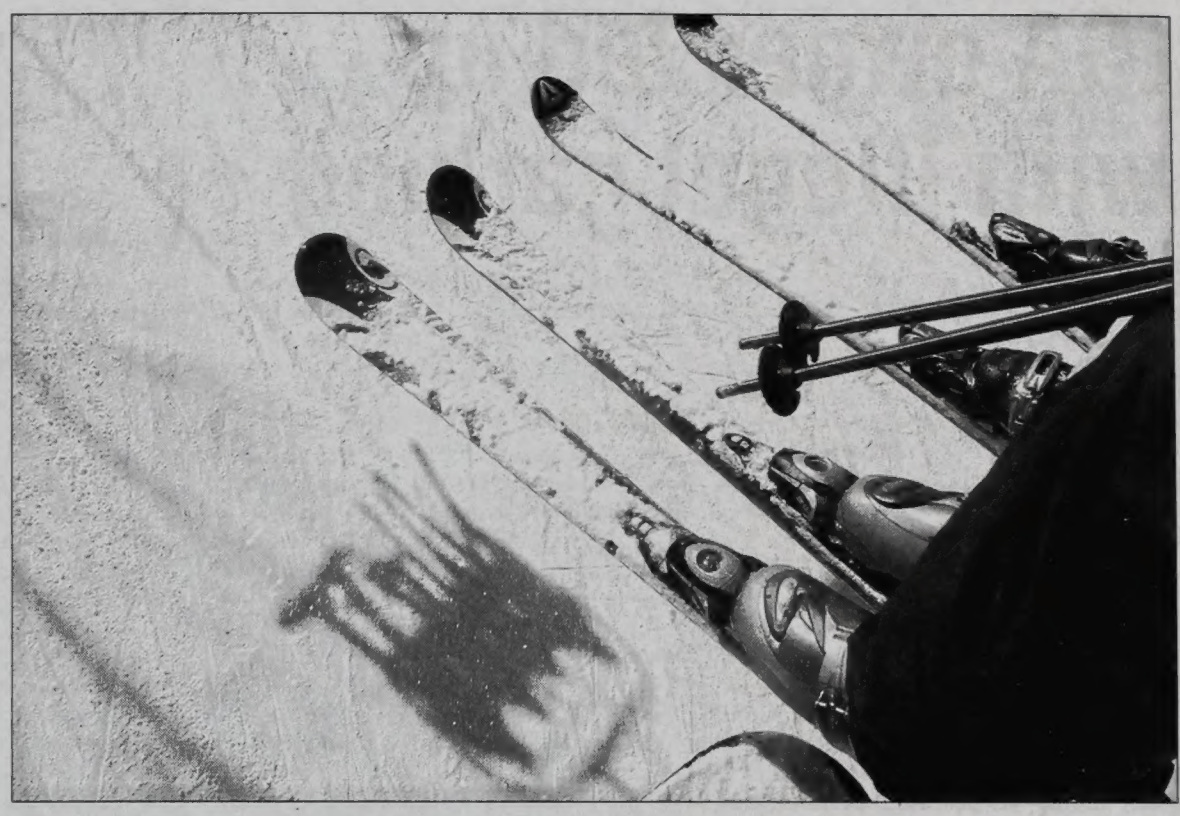
Painful goodbyes

Last week's beautifully sunny days broke the back of winter, but they also juxtaposed the deep sense of sadness that enveloped many Highlanders when they heard of the death of two women who, in their relatively short time in Haliburton, made such an indelible, joyful mark on this area.

Nada Vaughan used her love of cooking as a way of expressing her love of people and of God. Her every action was a gift to others, whether it was delivering baking to various local businesses and facilities, or volunteering to help at an orphanage for AIDS victims in South Africa. She wanted others to be filled with the sense of blessing she herself felt. Even when she was diagnosed with cancer, she gave her strength to others to help them cope with the news.

Sarah Bloomfield grew up knowing she was going to die young simply because she had Cystic Fibrosis. Sarah had to grow old before her time; she had to carry with her the knowledge that most people with Cystic Fibrosis die before they are 30. She faced the fears, and the burden of what it meant to be human, at an age when most people have only their futures to think about. And yet she did it with such grace and beauty even as she spent the past months waiting for a double lung transplant.

These two women had an inner courage and peace that the rest of us spend a lifetime trying to attain. They never complained, never wanted others to feel sorry for them. They made those around them better for having known them. It's only when we ask "How did they do that?" that we come closer to finding that grace ourselves.



At Sir Sam's *Photo by* DARREN LUM/ECHO

Counting our good fortune

marion hare

perspectives

Having moved here from California some years ago, I was immediately in awe of the Canadian medical system with its universal, essential financial coverage. Gradually I became puzzled, for rarely did I hear it mentioned in laudatory terms; only the complaints got notice. I began to wonder if I was seeing this Canadian medical landscape through rose coloured glasses. Not so!

I was visiting California recently and picked up a *USA TODAY* newspaper that headlined a major article on the woes in the medical profession. Young graduates flock to the big cities. Rural areas are often without any doctors. In many towns a specialist may be hundreds of miles away, or, at best, visits only rarely. The article cited many examples of people with diagnosed, life-threatening illnesses who were unable to receive medical attention in time. I actually checked to be certain that the examples were from the USA, not Canada They were.

Later I was lunching with an elderly friend when he became faint and muttered "911." The ambulance arrived with six, yes six, attendants. I jokingly asked if that was one reason the costs were so high. The response, "No, it takes six if the patient must be lifted onto the gurney." Oh!

Off we went to one of the outstanding medical complexes in the country - the Stanford University Hospital. Being a Monday afternoon, the emergency room was not crowded. That's what the attendant said. I saw our friend shortly, and was told he would be admitted immediately for a few days. He later said that he spent seven hours in the emergency before a room became available. He was not complaining, only commenting.

Then flying home beside me was a man from San Diego coming to visit his young daughter of five months. He introduced the topic of the relative merits of our medical systems. He said that he had heard so much that was bad about our medical system that when on a visit here earlier, he had to wait five hours to get help for his daughter and he had been quite disgusted. When he returned home, he had a sudden great pain in his back and went for help. He had to wait five hours, received only an Ibuprofin, was told he would need urgent surgery and that the earliest booking would be the beginning of May. And cost was a big factor for him.

The cost of medical care is a pervasive concern in the U.S. but no one seems to know how to reign it in. In Canada we hear that millions of Americans with incomes below the poverty level cannot get medical attention.. That's only a minor part of the reality. I visited a family friend who had been financially prepared to handle the typical problems of retirement years. Her hearing was poor, so I questioned her lack of a hearing aid. Her answer was that she could not afford the $2,500 cost because she had had several medical emergencies that had used up her savings. Oh yes, she had medicare at a cost of $50 per month and some extra insurance so that the combination covered 80% of normal needs including hospital stays. But her life-threatening needs required more, required all..

Her rheumatoid arthritis, however, seemed so much better. "Ah yes," she commented. "A new experimental drug has been offered for only $200 a month for two years. It is working miracles. Then it will go mainstream, cost $1,000 per month, and will no longer be affordable for me." She added that she felt fortunate to be able to have it for two years.

I came home once more in awe of just how lucky we Canadians are. We seem, however, to have a great ability to emphasize the negative and downpaly the positive. We will never be able to attain just-in-time medical treatment for every situation at every moment. What we have attained is equal to any other system, and ours is available to all of us. Sometimes, it seems, we forget just how lucky we are.

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Bursting my balloon

THE OTHER NIGHT I was channel surfing when an educational show all about sexual fetishes caught my interest. In it, the producers were highlighting the strange practice by some consenting adults of stripping naked and then blowing up balloons until they burst. Though it seemed like a waste of good birthday decorations to me, to the participants this was the absolute pinnacle of adult fun.

In hindsight, I believe the whole thing was highly overrated.

Personally, all I got out of it was a headache and slight dizziness. My wife Carol didn't much care for it either, although I suspect that things might have turned out very differently if she had been awake at the time of the balloon's demise.

Tales from

Vinegar Hill

steve galea

"What are you doing standing there naked holding a broken balloon?" she asked, shortly after bolting upright from a sound sleep. "Dear God, I hope that's a balloon!"

"Do you find it sexy?" I asked. Surprisingly enough, she didn't find it to be a rhetorical question.

Instead she replied, "Speak up you idiot; I can't hear you with this ringing in my ears!"

Before long I did manage to explain my actions by using a rudimentary form of sign language, which is not an easy thing to do when you are naked, holding the remnants of a balloon, and running for your life around the bedroom. Still, the very fact that I was able to pull this off does much to dispel Carol's complaint that I'm not a good communicator.

In keeping with the moment, Carol also signed me a terse one-syllable gesture and we soon agreed that it'd be far more prudent for me to sleep on the couch with one eye open until some time in mid-July. This wouldn't have been so bad if she hadn't made me move the couch to my ice hut.

Actually, I'm kind of grateful that this thing didn't go over big in our bedroom. I'm no expert but I'm guessing that the whole balloon-blowing fetish would just get in the way of our spontaneity - as well as add another thirty unnecessary seconds of panting to an already undignified endeavour.

Even so, I can't help but wonder who thought of this in the first place and exactly how prevalent it is in modern day society. In the show, each of the three people interviewed referred to the etiquette of the act which is accepted in "the community." The way they spoke of it indicated that this was a normal practice among almost every consenting adult who didn't spend time in an iron lung.

It actually got me thinking that maybe I've lived more of a sheltered life than I might be willing to admit. Maybe I'm missing out on all sorts of wild and tantalizing things. I mean, if they do this with balloons, what the heck happens with party favours or pin the tail on the donkey?

It occurred to me that I might have blown, no pun intended, a lot of opportunities in my bachelorhood simply because I wasn't hip enough with the lingo. Maybe all those women who told me to take a flying leap had something entirely different in mind.

Confused even more than usual, I decided to have an intimate, heart-to-heart talk with my wife.

"Carol, come in, over," I began, ever grateful for the miracle of modern two-way radios.

"What is it? Over," she cooed.

"Would you consider me a man of the world? Over."

Surprisingly, she said yes, although in fairness she specified that she certainly wouldn't be referring to this world when making that characterization.

In any case, I considered it a good start. So I decided to send her flowers to further eradicate the fallout from our little misunderstanding. True, a pretty bouquet of balloons would have been cheaper, but some mysterious instinct told me to go with the flowers.

In no time at all, both the couch and I had returned to the house and life was practically back to normal.

The next night, however, that very same program came on, but this time they were going to discuss a variety of clown fetishes.

Sensing trouble, I turned it off, honked my nose, and rode my tricycle right out of the room.

pic *of the* past

THIS RELIC FROM THE PAST is an IB&O train pulling out of the train station in Tory Hill. We are not sure of the date. Our thanks to Harold Sanderson, whose family were pioneers in the area, for sharing the photo with us.

letters to the editor

The Frost Centre in Algonquin Park?

The following letter was first sent to the Frost Centre Working Committee

Re: Future of the Frost Centre

It is clearly obvious what has happened here. Some bureaucrats who were either ignorant of the facts – or chose to ignore the facts – made a recommendation to their political masters to close the Frost Centre. The politicians said "Let's not have any public input on this matter because the public will only confuse us with the facts. Besides, the local constituents have had the nerve to elect a representative of the wrong political party. And, to show how open-minded we are – let's make the decision irreversible!"

Now we're being asked to suggest what should be done. Again the answer is obvious. The highest and best use of the Frost Centre is clearly as an outdoor education centre. And the way to do it is to make the Frost Centre and the surrounding forest management area an extension of Algonquin Park – or make it a separate "Algonquin Highlands Provincial Park" – with the same user-pay philosophy and fee structure as in Algonquin Park. All other required funding should come from the Province.

If the province's $6 billion deficit cannot sustain the additional funding, then the only other viable option is to level the buildings, freeze development of the site and hope that some future generation has the foresight to realize what an incredible opportunity we have at this site.

Kenneth G. Koehler,
Wren Lake

Hail and farewell from Dixie Duncan

To the Editor:

To all my many, many, many friends and acquaintances; to all my B & B friends, neighbours, associates and guests of the York Duncan House: Thank you for your friendship and support.

Thanks to all who helped me and my son Jeff make the York-Duncan House into a home that has welcomed so many people as our guests.

We will be back, for who could ever leave the Highlands forever?

Please welcome the Tillings, Stuart, Melissa, Bethany and Harry to your town as you have welcomed us.

In my heart I'll always remember Haliburton, but in my heart I know it's time to go home again.

God Bless
Dixie Duncan
York Duncan House, Haliburton

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

March Break is a howl

Photos by Darren Lum

(clockwise, from top left)
Top left: Outdoor Educator Rick Whitteker dispels the many misconceptions about wolves to a March Break audience at the Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre.
Top right: A dogsled team from the Winterdance Dogsled Tours gave first nations youth from the Hamilton area a chance to mush at the YMCA Camp Wanakita in Donald.
Above: A mother and son watch a wolf at the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre.
Left: Children pull each other with ski poles to the next run.
Far Left: Fourteen-year-old Cathy Bagg clears a jump under clear skies during the March Break at Sir Sam's Ski Area.

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Red Hawks get into the swing of things

COSSA showcase educates future players

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School badminton coach says hosting COSSA will pay dividends for his program's future.

This year the school will host the 2005 COSSA tournament for seniors on April 27. Head coach Jason Morissette believes it will be a display of exceptional badminton talent and will give his players something to aspire towards.

"It'll send a message to the juniors and seniors because they'll get to see it. [They'll learn] how much to practice to get to that level."

Some of the top-ranking players will have personal coaches and are sometimes sponsored by badminton companies such as Knight and Yonex.

"You'll see guys jumping in the air smashing, backhand smashing. It's quite impressive. Basically, you'll see the best of the best," he says. "There are no divisions. If you're the best you go; if you're not the best you don't go. They don't separate you according to your school population. It makes it tough."

Due to this Morissette is realistic about this year's campaign at HHSS.

"More or less this year is a rebuilding year in the seniors," he says.

DARREN LUM/Echo

Justin McKelvey serves up a shot for his doubles partner Kieran Gilooly during the first of many practices leading up to the team's first competition scheduled for the beginning of April.

Despite having a few beginners on the junior squad, he says they look strong.

Interest in the team is at an all-time high and to address the program's future three additional spots were made for the juniors. Sixty players competed for spots on the team, which is carrying 36 players (20 juniors and 16 seniors). Several of his players such as singles player Mike Lennox, doubles partners Kate Dawson and Nicole Manary, who have made trips to COSSA, expect to revisit the COSSA tournament.

"They're goal is to get to COSSA. Getting to OFSAA is pretty rare and exceptional," he says.

Exceptional is an understatement since there are an estimated 600 competitors in the region vying for 16 positions at the coveted OFSAA tournament.

"You never know though. There may be someone who may surprise you," he says.

Assisting with Morissette is Bob Schmidt and Karen Gervais. Gervais is new to the staff and played in college.

The senior team's first tournament is the pre-qualifer at I.E. Weldon in Lindsay on April 6. HHSS is hosting the junior pre-qualifier tournament on April 7.

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Nicole Manary connects on her smash during the first practice leading up to the team's first competition scheduled for the beginning of April. Based on past success Manary and Kate Dawson expect to win a medal at COSSA.

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Girl power takes Bancroft by Storm

First all-girl Tyke team laces up for two games against nearby rivals

SHANNON FEIR

Special to The Echo

With so many girls involved in Minor Hockey this year, Ginny Marsden and Shannon Feir came up with the idea of forming an all-girls Tyke team.

First on the agenda for the general managers was the coaching staff. Jenny Perrott was the perfect fit for head coach with the ladies' "better halves" running the doors. Try outs were scheduled on February 13. Coach Perrott put these girls through a gruelling 15 minute try out and when the dust settled, the roster looked like this: Erica Carmount, Madison Billings, Sydney Feir, Peyton Howorko, Jamie Little, Erin Little, Alex Litwin, Kendal Marsden, and Christina Stephen, with Connor Marsden getting the nod for between the pipes. With one position left to fill Sydney Cameron was flown in from St. John's.

The girls' competition was found in Bancroft against another all-girls Tyke team. Game one of a home-and-home series was on February 20 in Bancroft. These two evenly matched teams had the capacity crowd on the edge of their seats for most of their game in the Jets arena. Both teams exchanging goals in the first and second, and the Storm took over in the third with Coach Perrott shortening the Storm shifts to no longer than 40 seconds. This gave the girls the legs they needed to finish the game. Final score was Storm 11- Jets 7.

Game 2 was held one week later in Wilberforce. Again Bancroft gave the Storm a run for their money. The shots on net were even but the difference was that Connor Marsden, (aka Kim St. Pierre), stood on her head, letting in only one shot late in the third period. Final score was Storm 5- Jets 1.

Thank you to Highland Storm Minor Hockey, Jenny Perrott, Michelle Howorko, and John Ballantyne for lending the team the Novice sweaters, Ms. Metzger and the Bancroft Jets - what a great hockey team.

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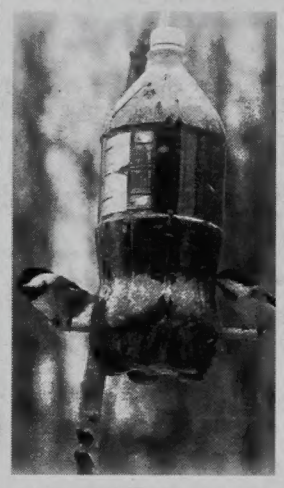

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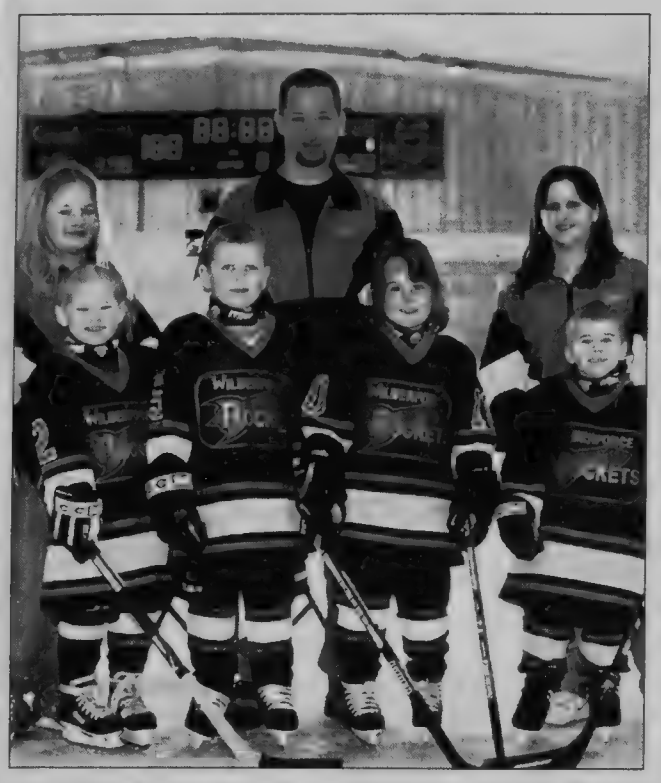

"Rockets in Training"! The Wilberforce Rockets(Tykes) back row, from left) Hollie Traviss (Assistant Coach), Tim Hoftyzer (Coach), Tara Billings (Assistant Coach). (front row) Toby Kellar,Tyler Mathna, Jade McCartnery, Ethan Evans and Ryan Alden (absent).

The Wilberforce Rockets Junior Team: (back row, from left) Mike Hunter (Coach), Blake Aylsworth, Zach Aylsworth, Lindsey Pogue, Les Rowley (Assistant Coach), Chris Orth, Jacob Rowley, Larry Dack (Trainer). front row, from left: Robbie Mulley, Jacob Galway, Mike Dack, Keegan Hoftyzer, Shelby Hunter, J.T. Legge, Stanley C. Riley, Cameron MacDuff (missing from photo)

Rockets explode to second in final tournament

The Wilberforce Rockets played their final tournament of the season in Bancroft a couple of weeks ago.

In game 1, the Juniors beat their opponents 4-1 with goalie Keegan Hoftyzer and defenseman Stanley Riley named the game stars. In their second game, center Mike Dack and right wing Jacob Galway were the stars after almost tying the game at the end of the 3rd period. The Junior Wilberforce Rockets finished in second place overall.

Senior Rocket C.J. Clarkson was the star of game 1 and in their second game, Katelyn Meharrie and Jamie Ruddell were the game stars. A fabulous game was also played by goalie Kyle Steele and Jamie Ruddell, who scored the overtime goals in both games, which is quite a feat.

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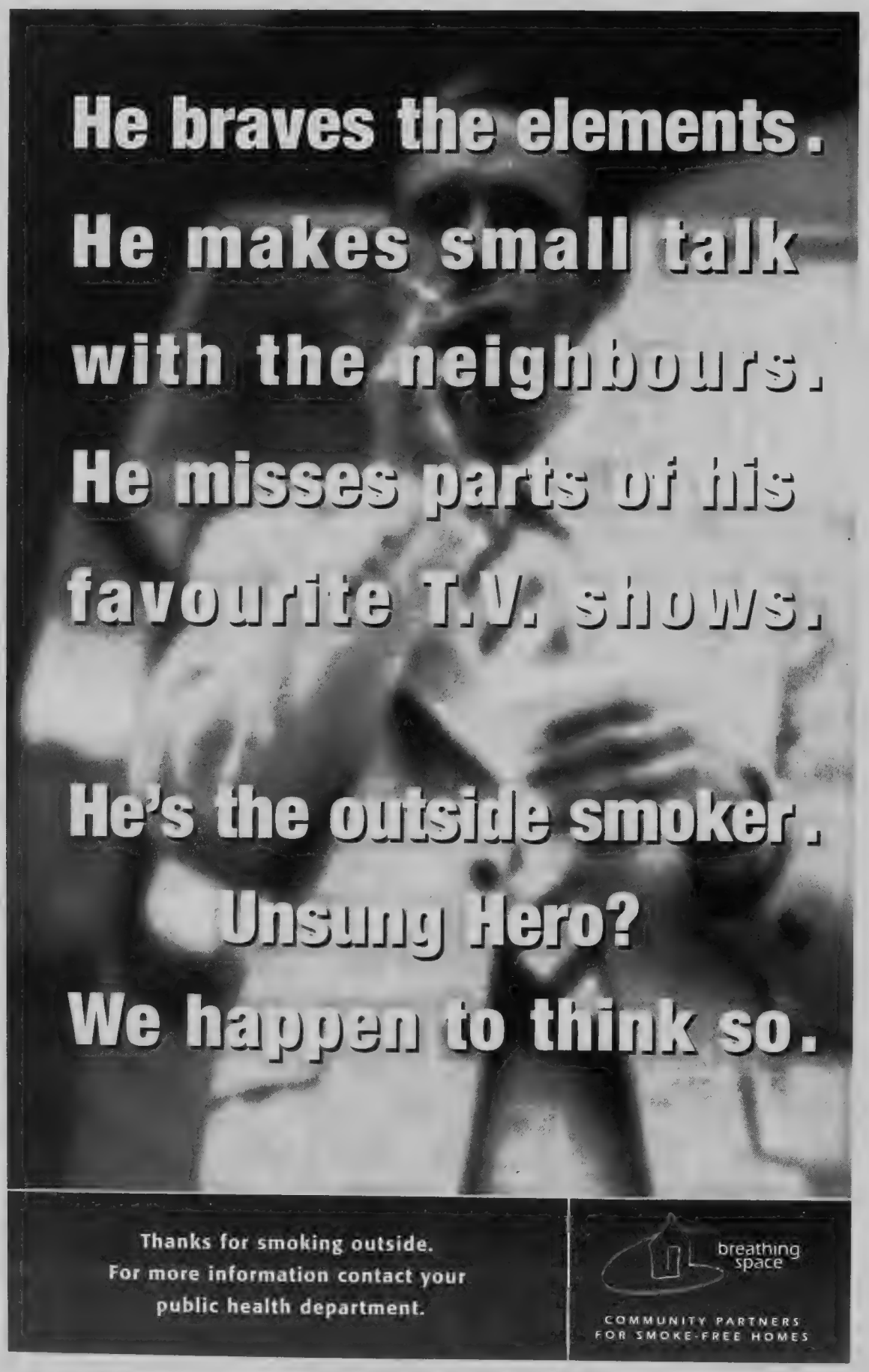

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An artist on the rise

Jonathan Hagarty is beginning to tap into his potential

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

LAST JULY was an important month for Jonathan Hagarty. For one thing, he had just turned 30, the first milestone in a young man's life that carries nostalgic weight. A provisional plateau where one witnesses, somberly, that the hourglass is already more than a third empty.

At the same time he was also picking up the pieces of a broken heart from a failed relationship. And, more importantly, he finally realized the drugs and booze were taking a deadly toll on him.

"It was out of control. I was having trouble keeping my truck from veering into the rock cuts," says Hagarty, staring out the window from the swank living room of the Bonnie View Inn, a resort his sister Andrea runs on the south side of Lake Kashagawigamog.

He nervously fidgets with his fingers as he recounts stories from his troubled past, accompanying the confessions with a sense of shame common among recovering addicts – utterly conscious of the price paid for various roads wandered. Not only did his past habit nearly destroy his life, it nearly ruined what is clearly a formidable artistic talent.

"Art has always been something that I wanted to do. I've always been working toward it, but with my lifestyle the wrong stuff always came first. I went down the wrong path a long time ago, so I'm trying to make up for lost time," says Hagarty.

Hagarty spreads out a sample of his art on the green turf of a pool table. It's a bright winter day and the blinding light reflecting from the lake illuminates the strong amber hues within his brown eyes. His manner is kind and thoughtful, even meek at times, which seems somehow connected to the penance he's serving. But hidden beneath his humble nature one gets a whiff of a smouldering confidence. A confidence undoubtedly connected to the depth and strength of his work.

He points out a surreal guitar that he fashioned from a piece of driftwood. The striking sculpture looks like an image plucked out of a Dali painting. Half human, each feminine curve of the instrument is embittered with a dark sensuality and a pain almost too tender to touch.

At the entrance to the Bonnie View restaurant is another his wood sculptures that serves as a hostess podium. Engraved into the hollowed log –which took a solid three weeks of 10-hours days – are three naked women draped in a purple cloth, each of their faces heavy with regret and a tinge of something that resembles relief.

"It's amazing how I get things done when I'm not on drugs," he laughs. "I'm trying to find the discipline now. It's something I've never had and it's always held me back."

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In 1996, Hagarty applied for the Ontario College of Art and Design – one of the most sought after schools in Canada for aspiring artists – and earned an interview for the four-year program. Young and insecure, he believed he had botched the interview and threw his entire portfolio in the nearest dumpster. Shortly thereafter he received a letter of acceptance from the school.

"I regret that terribly now," says Hagarty, whose only surviving work from his youth is a surreal drawing from grade nine that was in his

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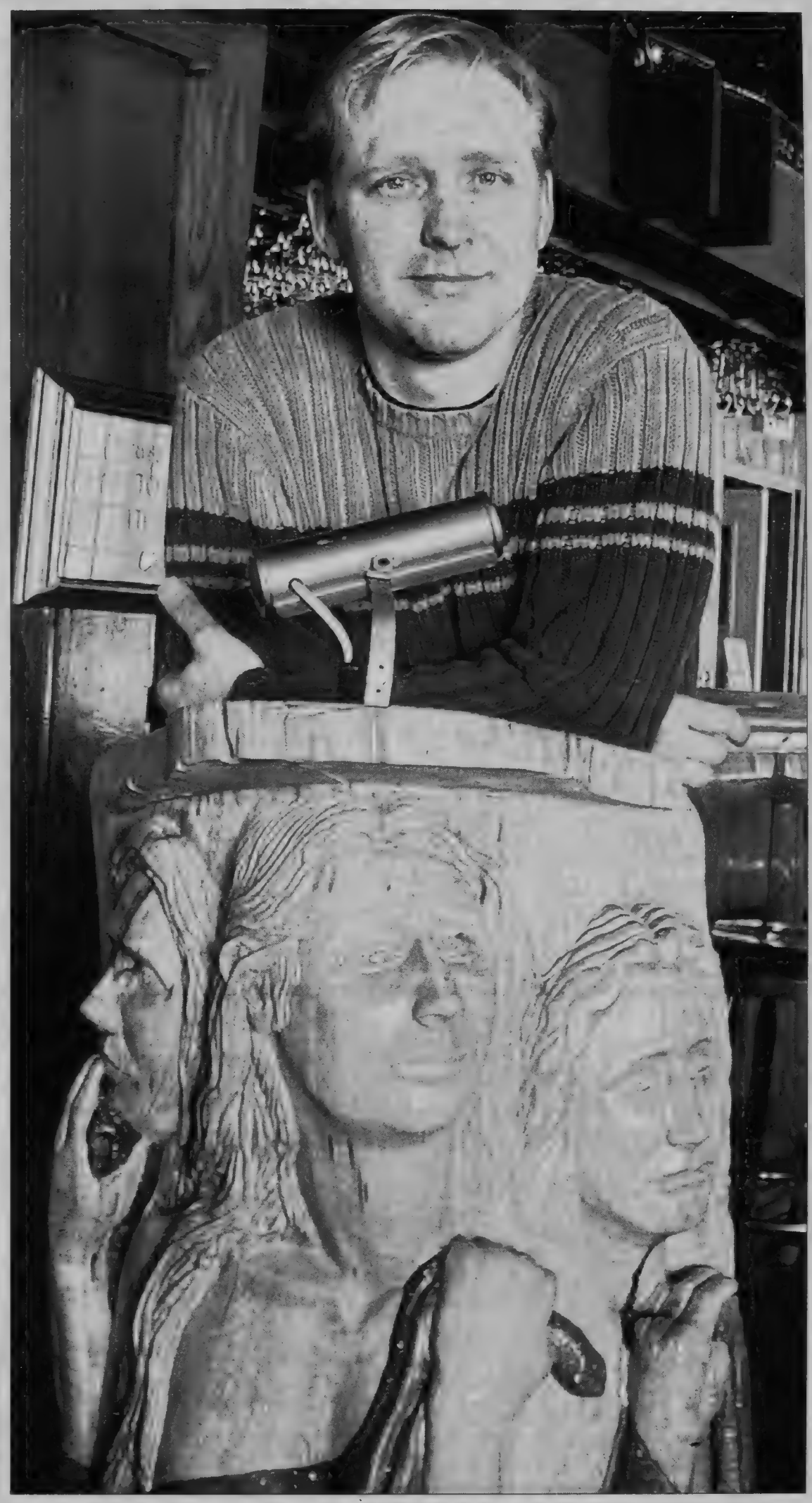

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Jonathan Hagarty leans on a recently completed work that stands in the Bonnie View Inn. "It's amazing how I get things done when I'm not on drugs," he says.

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Life's contradictions find a home in Hagarty's art

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sister's possession.

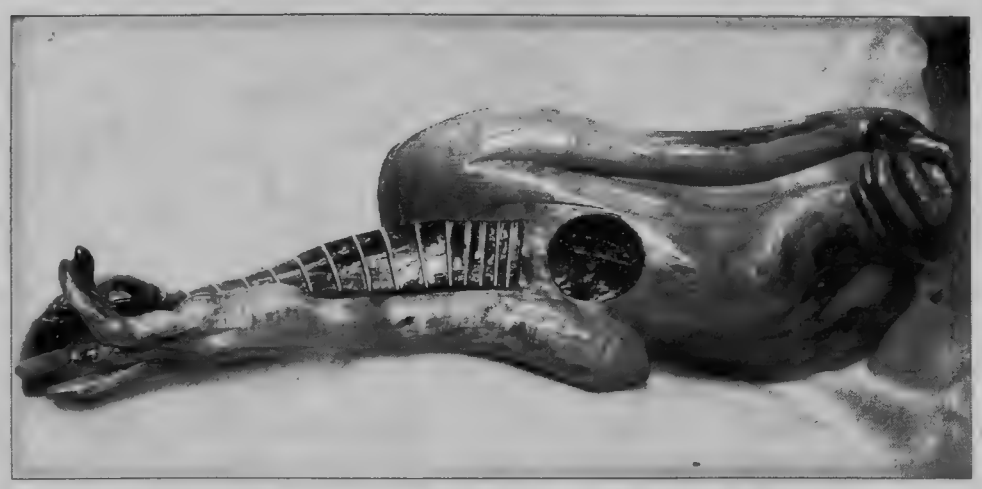
Hagarty was miserable at the college. He spent most of his time skipping class and drinking behind the school with the homeless. When the good stuff wasn't available, he would plug his nose and drink Chinese cooking wine half-cut with water.

"I was very anti-social. I couldn't talk with normal people. I found comfort with the bums."

After his second year Hagarty dropped out. He discovered how cocaine could effectively clear the cobwebs of an inebriated state and became increasingly dependent on the clarity it provided. Eventually, Hagarty says he ran himself "into a corner the basement, trying not to do drugs and stay away from that lifestyle."

Like many vagabonds, he escaped to Whistler, British Columbia, unwittingly leaving the chaos of Toronto for what he calls "an even a faster lane". The fantasy world of the infamous ski resort became a never-ending party where temptations were now afforded at every turn.

"I went for a season, stayed five years," says Hagarty, who made his living there as a waiter. "[Whistler] is whatever you want it to be. We used to have a drug dealer come directly to work."



A sensual Daliesque wood sculpture of a half guitar, half human is typical of the way Hagarty balances light and darkness in his work.

At one point, things got so out of hand that Hagarty completely shattered his ankle one night in a mad dash for last call. "I jumped off too many chairs and I landed on one foot instead of two."

Even upon his return to the relative serenity of Haliburton area, Hagarty would be downing copious amounts of Ecstasy just to get him through his shift at a local restaurant.

"I was doing it at work waiting tables. Popping pill after pill. Started with a quarter of a pill. Next thing you know I'm doing three a shift just to smile," says Hagarty, adding that his tips were considerably higher when he was hopped up.

Waitering paid the bills while a second job in construction furnished his drug habit – though Hagarty admits he can't swing a hammer to save his life. The tumultuous addiction eventually proved too much for the woman he was in love with, and like he said earlier, he was dangerously close to shipwrecking himself on the side of a country road.

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Twelve years ago, Hagarty's father died of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a degenerative illness that attacks the nervous system. It took only two years for the disease to claim his father's life from start to finish.

"That's what really started the drinking," he says. "Changing your dad's diaper was...", Hagarty smiles, a gesture in rebellion against the recalled memory, and mimics bringing a drink to his lips.

Hagarty shows a wood carving in progress: a self-portrait of him ripping his chest open, exposing an anatomical heart. The piece seems to encapsulate the self-honesty and pain present in all of his works, which undoubtedly are rooted in the experience of witnessing his father's premature demise. It almost seems that if the sum of Hagarty's life carvings are melted together, somehow, there would emerge the face of his father.

Of course, not all of Hagarty's endevours are imbued with darkness. In front of Acorn's Furniture on Hwy. 35 sits a surreal, playful, tree Hagarty put together that looks like it belongs in Barcelona's Park Guell rather than rural Ontario. Also, for a reasonable price, Hagarty will carve family or couples' images into wood signs with astonishing accuracy.

Between light and darkness. Pain and humour. Hope and regret. That seems to be the place Hagarty has taken up residence as he learns to straddle the contradictions of his life through art.

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Acquired peripheral neuropathy means that nerve fibres have been damaged. For example, many chronic diseases can lead to nerve damage. Diabetic neuropathy occurs when high blood sugar levels damage nerves and compromise circulation over time. It is the most common cause of peripheral neuropathy, and produces symptoms in approx. 10% of diabetics. Mostly it affects the hands and feet, and is predominantly sensory in nature.

Neuropathies may also develop due to an infection. Viral infections are a common cause of nerve damage. For example, the herpes zoster virus causes shingles, a very painful condition in which the virus infects nerve endings, typically on the abdomen or back. This is usually accompanied by a localized rash, and can recur repeatedly, especially in the elderly and immuno-compromised. If not treated quickly (some studies say within the first 24hr) post herpetic neuralgia can develop, which is a very painful chronic condition.

Neuropathies may also be caused by toxins and pharmaceuticals. For example heavy metal toxicity such as lead, arsenic, and mercury can cause neuropathy. This includes exposure to industrial chemicals or pesticides/herbicides, many of which are known to possess neurotoxicity. Also, drugs such as those used in cancer chemotherapy are known to induce nerve damage in some cancer patients.

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Many types of trauma can damage nerve fibres, such as electric shock, frostbite, falls, and motor vehicle accidents. Repetitive strain can cause compression of nerves by inflamed tissue and overlying tendons, such as in carpal tunnel syndrome. Also, any time the vertebral spine is compressed, nerve irritation and damage can result. Other areas of potential nerve compression include the elbows, shoulder, neck, and knees.

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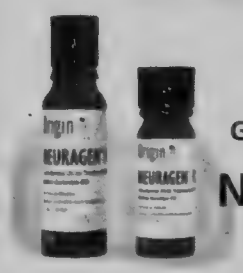

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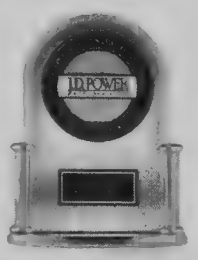

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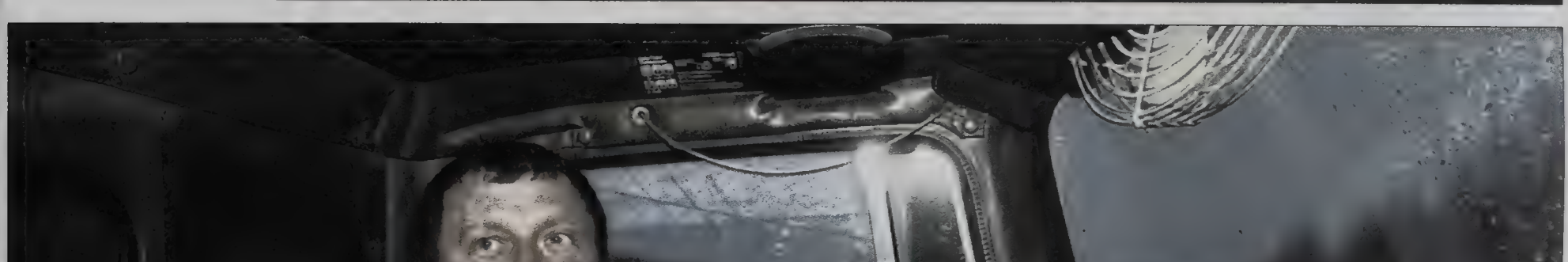

Echo Photographer Darren Lum took an early ride aboard a Haliburton County Roads Truck a few weeks ago.

Hours before the crack of dawn (before anyone is up) Haliburton County Roads employee Brian Nicholson and the many other drivers are out on the roads plowing and sanding the highways and intersections, ensuring safe travel for road users. Aside from icy conditions, the worst situation, he says, is drivers following too close behind him. When his truck breaks loose he said he has little control.

Photos by Darren Lum

Branch president is back on the mend

community news

legion br. 129

Gerald Irish

I am happy to report that your Branch president, Jean Fletcher, is on the mend after being downed by a virus,and will soon be able to resume her myriad of duties. Until her return the executive members and the office staff have filled in admirably.

To keep you, the members and the general public better informed about your Branch of the Legion, I have compiled a list of executive members and their chairmanships. If you have any questions regarding any of these offices phone that chairperson at 457-2571.

President Jean Fletcher: member of every committee; Legion member for 12 years.

Past Pres. Joan Irish: Ways and Means; Legion member for 36 years.

1st. Vice Pres. Barry Purpura: Bingo, Sunday Brunches; Legion member for 10 years.

2nd. Vice Pres. Bill Scott: Veterans' Affairs, Track and Field; Legion member for four years.

3rd Vice Pres. Gerald Irish: Branch recording Secretary, Sunday Brunches, Br. 129 News; Legion member for 24 years.

Treasurer Pat Wright: all financial aspects of the Branch; Legion member for 13 years.

Executive Members:

Dorothy Baker: L.A. Liaison, member for 10 years;

Ray Baker: Membership; member for two years.

Chris Briggs: Poppy, Sports; member for 10 years.

Jack Greavette: Bar Chairman, House and Property; member for four years.

Wilf Guenette: Entertainment, Public Relations Officer; member for 18 years.

Brian Hambly: Sergeant At Arms, 50+ Club Liaison, Youth Education; member for six years.

Billy Pickard: Cadet Liaison, Sick and Visiting; member for 19 years.

Roger Yearwood: assistant to the Sergeant At Arms; member for 21 years.

This gives your current executive a total of 189 years experience in Legion and seems to be a wonderful combination of young and older members, experience and an eagerness to learn and become more involved.

On Tuesday evening, March 10, we held our first General Meeting after a two-month hiatus.

Membership Chairman Ray Baker informed us that we have a new volunteer working with him and we welcome the help of Cheryl Smillie. Four new members were initiated on Feb. 19 and we welcome Robert Burns, Kim Albin, Jean Jennings and Donna Liggitt as members of our branch.

Treasurer Pat Wright presented a favourable financial report which was greatly appreciated by the members in attendance.

Our Sports Chairman reported that because a team from our branch won the Zone championships we are entitled to host the coming Zone Tournament.

Remember that the meat draw on Friday will be our Easter Draw for hams, turkeys, roasts, etc. Be sure to attend. On the second Saturday of each month popular DJ Gary Cameron will be playing in the Club Room.

The membership agreed to donate the use of our hall to the Edgar Wyllie Band to assist with their fundraising for the Kyle family whose one son will be undergoing surgery to receive a kidney donated by one of his brothers. This will mean quite an expense for the family as they will have to stay in Toronto until both boys have recovered.

The membership also agreed to transfer the profits from the Valentine Dance to help out our building fund. The sum of $400 was donated to the Haliburton Figure Skating Club.

These are just a few examples of the involvement of Branch 129 in the community.

We were all shocked and saddened to hear that our hard working Sergeant-at-Arms Brian Hambly has throat cancer and will start his treatments soon in Toronto. Our thoughts and prayers go with Brian and his lovely wife Mary. During Brian's absence his duties will be taken over by Roger Yearwood.

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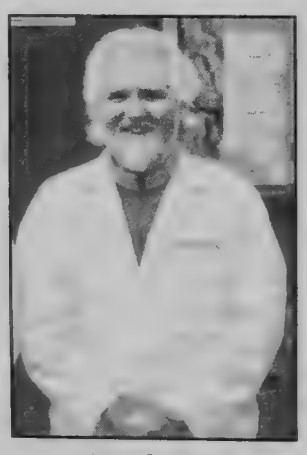

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Solemn Liturgy
St. George's 10:00 a.m. - St. Margaret's 1:30 p.m.

March 26
Great Vigil of Easter Holy Eucharist
St. Margaret's 7:30 p.m.

Services for March 27, 2005 Easter Sunday
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St. George's - Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
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Thursday, March 24th
Maundy Thursday Service
7:30 pm Minden United Church

Friday, March 25th
Choral Good Friday Service
(Combined Choirs of Zion & Haliburton United Churches)
9 am Zion United Church, Carnarvon
11:15 am Haliburton United Church

Sunday, March 27th
Easter Sunday Services
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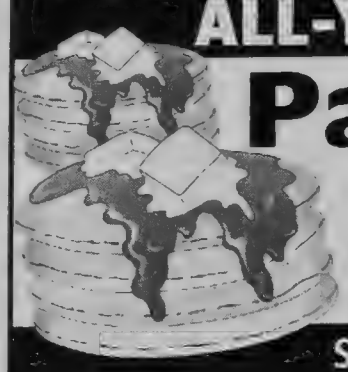

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You might remember your mother exchanging the toys and clothing that you had outgrown with your neighbour who could use them for her children. You might also remember your mom sharing ideas with other mothers about solutions that worked for her when she had to deal with her picky eater, her biter, or her child who was difficult to toilet train. Maybe you recall hearing stories about the people in your community who came together to address a problem in the community.

All of these people may have played a role in your upbringing. Although times have changed, and people's lives have become busier, everyone in the community still has an important role to play in the lives of young children – to keep them from harm, to teach them, to encourage their sense of curiosity, to nurture them and to help them grow up in health caring environments where they will thrive.

The Ready to Go Committee in Haliburton County is looking at ways the community can support the health and well being of children. For more information, contact Mary Lou Mills at the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

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Tourism Marketing is alive and well in the County of Haliburton! It would appear, that there are some misconceptions as to what is happening. Let's try, to clear up these issues.

Starting April 1st 2005 Haliburton County Council will take over the responsibilities of Tourism marketing for the County including the rental and staffing of the Visitor Information Centre on Highway #35.

The Chamber fully supports the Counties decision to hire an Economic Development and Tourism Officer. If we are to keep pace with neighboring communities, we must compete on the same level. The Chamber and the County have for a long time realized that a stronger commitment must be made to the entire business community not just the tourism sector. This move will strengthen our existing businesses and create the opportunity for NEW enterprise.

Going forward, the Chamber will endeavor to be available to assist County in all aspects of the transition process wishing them the very best, in their new venture into Economic Development and Tourism Marketing.

I have been invited, by County, to be part of the interviewing process for the Economic Development officers position. When this position is filled, the County will then search for a Tourism Marketing Officer.

Town Hall Meetings for members and non-members

In Minden Tuesday March 22 at 7:00pm in Room #3 at the Community Centre.

In Haliburton Tuesday March 29 at 7:00pm upstairs at the Dysart Arena/ Community Centre.

Going forward, our Chambers mission is…

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is a membership driven organization that strives to be the voice of business for Haliburton County.

We as a professional organization are fully aware we need to be and do the following-

- We will, be the voice of all business in our community.
- We will, communicate with, plan to visit and be concerned with all corners of our large County.
- We will, remain financially viable and fiscally responsible through the ongoing activities and programs we offer to our Membership.
- All businesses, can look to the Chamber, as a source of information for:
- Advocacy on member issues,
- Networking opportunities,
- Business skills developments
- Leadership Training

To achieve these goals, we need your assistance. You, the members, will ultimately determine the success of our Chamber. The programs and our business efforts are a direct result of our volunteers. To borrow a phrase from John Kennedy "Ask not what your Country [Chamber] can do for you, but what you can do for your Country [Chamber]".

Please make plans to attend. We look forward to working with you in 2005-06 and meeting with you again. Please contact us through our office at 705-286-1760

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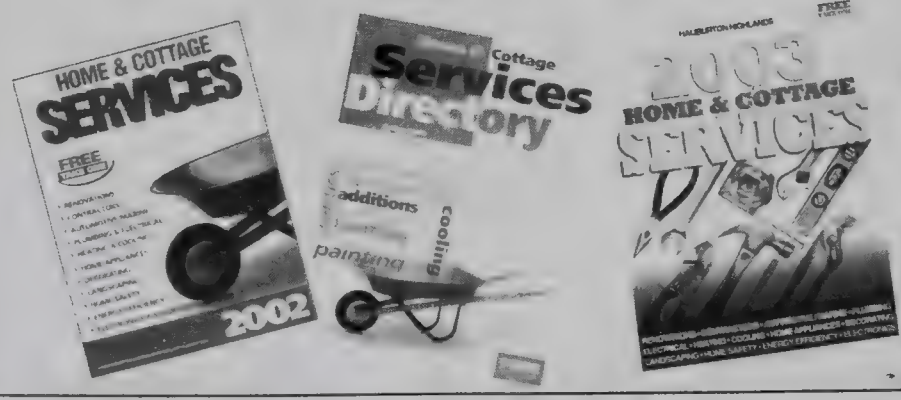

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We are particularly looking for new board members from the Haliburton area. Meetings are held in the Village of Haliburton once per month, with no summer meetings. We are a progressive policy-oriented organization, providing directors insurance. We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary and looking to a long and prosperous future. Won't you join us? Please call Roxanne at (705) 457–2941.

Home Support is also in need of volunteers in Haliburton and Minden to drive seniors and physically disabled adults to social and recreational events such as church meetings, card games, Wheels to Meals lunches, hairdressers, etc. We need people who are willing to commit to one or two short trips per week on an ongoing basis. All volunteers must have a police records check and interview. Please call Roxanne at 457–2941.

Love doing odd jobs? Home Support is looking for brokered workers to provide Home Help to clients throughout Haliburton County. Reliable transportation is preferred. Remuneration is between $12 and $15 per hour.

All workers must complete a screening process that includes a police records check. To apply, please contact Roxanne at 457–2941.

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Through Others Eyes is a two-hour experiential workshop which stimulates the effects of aging so that participants can experience the problems and frustrations that seniors or people with disabilities experience in their everyday lives.

Participants wear devices that stimulate the limitations caused by aging and disabilities, then complete a number of activities. This workshop will truly change the way you view your clients.

It's on April 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The instructor is Monika Jensen.

Seating is limited. Please reserve your seat today by calling Roxanne at 457–2941.

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Approved 2005/2006 Annual Work Schedule
Bancroft Minden Forest Management Unit

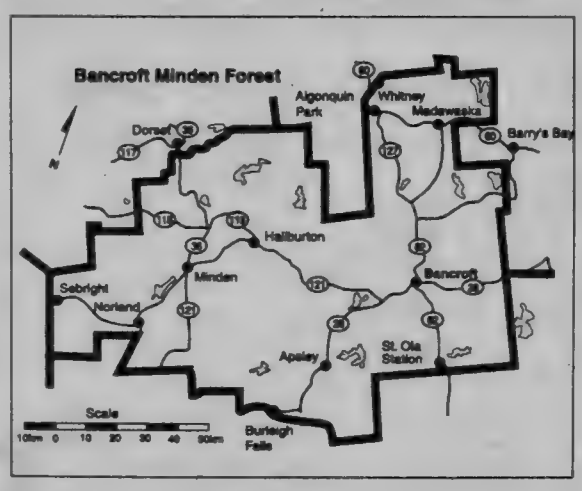
The **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** has approved the 2005/2006 annual work schedule prepared by the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. for the **Bancroft Minden Forest Management Unit** (Crown lands within Hastings, Peterborough and Haliburton Counties and the District of Nippissing).

The annual work schedule describes forest operations (i.e. road construction and maintenance, harvesting, regeneration, tree planting and tending operations) that may occur between **April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.** These activities are consistent with the 2001 – 2006 Bancroft Minden Forest Management Plan. Further information about tree planting jobs can be obtained from the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. Office at the address below.

The annual work schedule, and all subsequent revisions, is now available for inspection and will remain available for inspection during normal business hours for its one-year term at the ministry's Bancroft District offices and at the Bancroft Minden Forest Inc. Office (see addresses below).

Fuelwood is available on this forest management unit. Information on the location of fuelwood areas is at the ministry's Bancroft and Minden offices (see addresses below).

A mapped summary of scheduled forest management operations, and information regarding the annual work schedule, can be obtained by contacting the Bancroft Minden Forest Inc. or the ministry at the addresses below:



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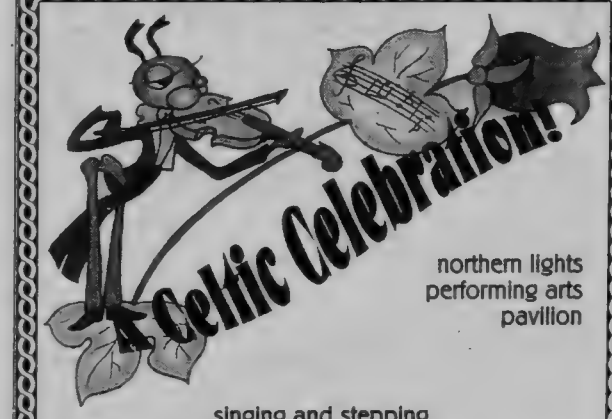

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Love's in the air in West Guilford

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

Love is in the air. The community would like to end best wishes out to Tricia Bain and Robert Farlinger as they head off to Mayan Riveria this weekend for their wedding on March 29.

A Jack and Jill was held at the community centre on the March 12 for Brian Griffin and Kariann Connaghan who also are going to Mexico to exchange their vows on April 8th.

The night was filled with fun, great food and many wonderful prizes for the large crowd to enjoy.

A new addition to the Griffin family is Jackson James Noel, who arrived on March 5. Proud parents are Jerry and Denise. Jackson is the first grandchild for Nelson and Shelia and also the first great grandchild for Theo Griffin.

The Centre is the place to be on Good Friday. West Guilford Gospel Chapel is hosting a Good Friday Breakfast at 8:45 a.m. No charge. For more information call Kim Brown at 457-5071.

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NOTICE REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

On December 7, 2004, the new Official Plan for the Municipality of Highlands East was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing. With the new Official Plan in force and effect, Council for the Municipality of Highlands East is proposing to adopt a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law to implement the Official Plan.

The draft Zoning By-law was prepared concurrently with the Official Plan and has been available for public review since the summer of 2003. Council has previously fulfilled its public meeting requirements for the new Zoning By-law under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

The purpose of this notice is to advise interested members of the public that council has received a final version of the Zoning by-law and directed that it be considered for adoption at the council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2005.

The draft Zoning By-law and mapping is available for review on the Municipality's website at www.highlandseast.ca as well as at the municipal office in Wilberforce during regular office hours.

Written submissions on the draft zoning by-law will be considered by Council and should be provided to the Municipality by no later than Monday, April 4, 2005. Questions regarding the draft Zoning By-law can be directed to Chris Jones at (705) 737-4512 x224 or
Sharon Stoughton-Craig, Clerk, at (705) 448-2981.

Let your children know about beauty

Make a connection with them this Easter

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

Sometimes there is a timeless connection that we all crave and we all need, whether you are a child or a grown-up. Sometimes the more complicated life gets, the more the simple things matter. It is the little things, the simple moments, which make memories.

This past March Break allowed me the time and opportunity to make that connection as we were blessed with a visit from our granddaughter, Rachel. We had many precious heart-to-heart talks and she gave us big warm smiles and many snuggly hugs. We made jiggly Jell-O and Rice Krispie Squares together, read books, did homework and played games. We went for walks and fed the deer, squirrel, horses and birds. We went ice fishing and she fell into an ice fish hole. We went tobogganing and made snow angels in the snow. She painted her handprints on a shirt for her grandfather and pillowcases for her parents. Her departure was not filled with tears but the tinkle of her sweet voice as her Mom, Dad, Grandfather, she and I had a snowball fight.

Beauty is a fairy and sometimes she hides herself in a flower, or under a leaf, or creeps into the old ivy and plays hide-and-seek with the sunbeams. Sometimes beauty haunts some ruined spot, or laughs out of a bright young face like our Rachel's. Sometimes beauty takes the form of a white cloud that goes dancing across the skies. Sometimes she takes a misty form on the lake in the early morn and looks like the passing of angel wings.

Beauty is all around us and if you wish your children to know beauty then take them outdoors over the Easter Weekend and give them the freedom to smell it, hear it, see it, feel it. Make a timeless connection and enjoy your up-coming Easter weekend with your children, other family members and your friends. Happy Easter to all from Mel and me.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, March 23 at the Harcourt Community Centre there is Bingo starting at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 24 the Harcourt Community Centre there is Euchre starting at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 at the Harcourt Community Chapel starting at 11 a.m. is the Family Bible Hour for children, teens and adults and at 7p.m. the teens will be involved in a service under the direction of the Kegels. Everyone is welcome.

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday April 11th, 2005 at 7:00** p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-009/05
   Applicant: SHALL-MAY HOLDINGS LIMITED
   Location of the Property: pt Lots 11 to 15, Concession 11 & 12,
   Geographic Township of Guilford
   Nature of the Application: New Lot

2. File No. H-010/05
   Applicant: 1327820 ONTARIO INC.
   Location of the Property: pt Lot 16, Concession 8,
   Geographic Township of Dysart
   Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

3. File No. H-012/05
   Applicant: SHALL-MAY HOLDINGS LIMITED
   Location of the Property: pt Lot 8, Concessions 11 & 12,
   Geographic Township of Guilford
   Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

3. File No. H-013/05
   Applicant: Gerald BAIN
   Location of the Property: pt Lot 17, Concession 9,
   Geographic Township of Stanhjope
   Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by *appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22nd day of March, 2005.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: April 11th, 2005
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original road allowances, allowances for road or shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

1. Applicant: Mainville
   Location: Blue Hawk Lake
   - Shoreline Road Allowance
   - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 22, Concession 1, Township of Dysart.
   - Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

2. Applicant: Municipality of Dysart et al
   Location: Haliburton
   - Road Allowance on Registered Plan 525
   - Road Allowance for the twenty foot lane dedicated on Plan 525, In Lot 19, Concession 7, Township of Dysart

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 17th day of March, 2005.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Municipal Planner

Chilly cadets braved cold

CAPT. DAN COLLINGS

Special to the Echo

Just when most people wished that winter was receding, several of Haliburton's youth were hoping for perfect winter weather conditions.

On the weekend of February 26 and 27, the 1129 Haliburton Army Cadet Corps participated in the winter training exercise known as Bucks Swamp. Local teens, between the ages of 12 and 18, battled the elements as they put their cadet training to practical use. Winter camping, survival, improvised shelters and navigation, by map and compass, were the order of the day.

The cadets demonstrated their leadership and team skills as they put up large military tents, built an A-frame shelter, cooked army rations in the field and travelled by snowshoes. These undaunted individuals braved temperatures of –20° when they slept in tents with Arctic sleeping bags.

Special thanks to Ron Buchanan, Tom Prentice and Sons, Dollo's IGA, Pete Cawker and Steve Jordan for providing the venue and/or services, in order to make this training successful.

On another note, the corps is proud to announce that three Haliburton Army Cadets have successfully completed the National Star Certification Examination (NSCE).

Any cadet who has completed the four years of Star Level Training are able to apply for NSCE testing. This rigorous test of cadets' knowledge begins with Phase 1, where the cadets must pass a three-hour general knowledge exam. Upon successful completion of Phase 1, cadets may advance to Phase 2.

Cadet Master Warrant Officer Ryan Mitchell, Cadet Warrant Officer Simon Chow and Cadet Sergeant Stephanie Foster attended Canadian Forces Base Petawawa from March 4 to 6 for the Phase 2 practical testing.

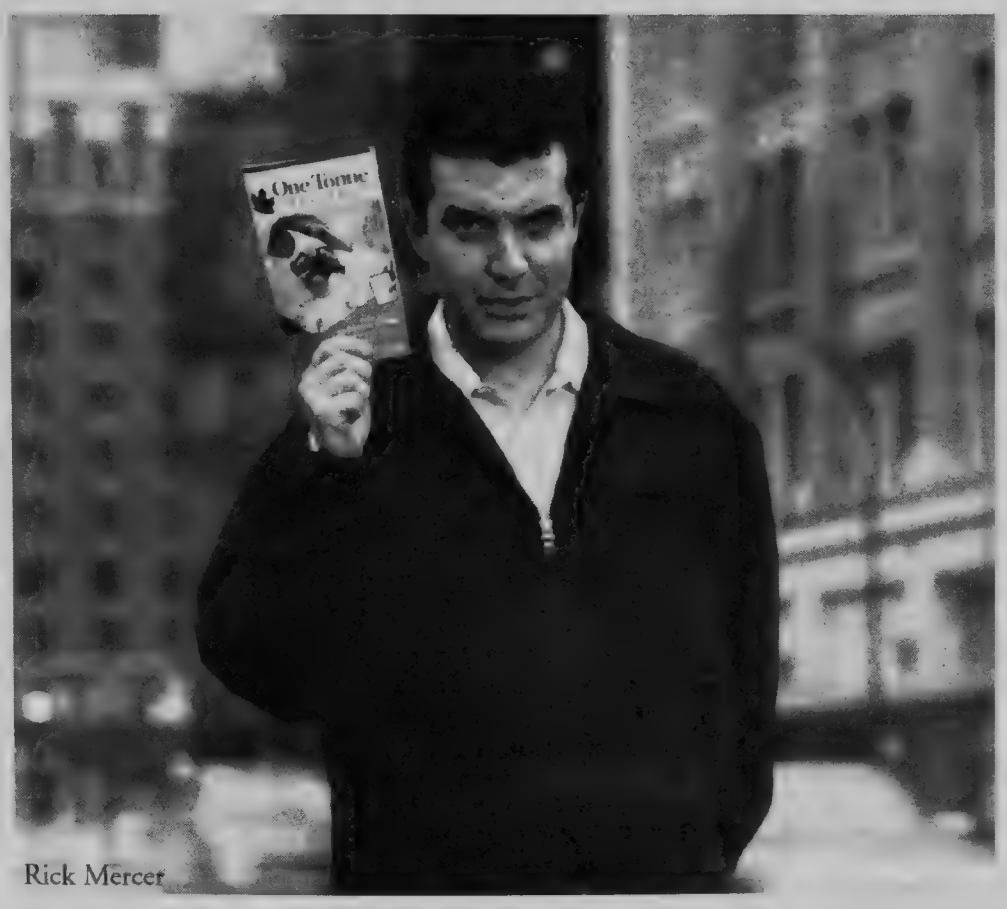
During the weekend these cadets passed the Army Cadet fitness test, knot tying test, map and compass practical test, and properly instructed two classes, a drill mutual and classroom mutual.

Haliburton Legion Branch 129, which sponsors the local cadet corps, and the community can be proud of our local cadets for their achievements this and every year. Approximately 30 of our local youth are members of the 1129 Army Cadet Corps. These cadets are prime examples of young people demonstrating their pride, leadership and citizenship.

Any boys and girls, at least 12 years old, who are looking for a challenge and interested in joining cadets are welcome to attend any Tuesday night training session from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion banquet hall.

Cadet Master Warrant Officers Ryan Mitchell and Mike Flowers show off the A-frame shelter built by the cadets.

Cadets learn how to judge distances and take bearings from Steve Jordan and Pete Cawker..



Rick Mercer

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They'll be pouring maple syrup in Wilberforce

Lloyd Watson Centre will host pancake breakfast on Saturday

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

Pour golden maple syrup over hot pancakes, add some sausages and what do you have? A great breakfast or lunch. Help yourself to one of these tasty meals this Saturday, March 26 at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The Recreation Committee and friends would love to serve you between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Yes, our maple syrup celebration has rolled around again. Watch for the Easter Bunny spreading seasonal joy (and eggs) as you have coffee and shop the craft and flea market tables.

Throughout Holy Week and Easter Sunday all the local churches welcome you to regular and special services. At St. Margaret's a prayer vigil begins at 9 p.m. on Thursday evening, ending with prayers and readings at midnight. Good Friday service is at 1:30 p.m. this year. New to St. Margaret's, but an old ritual, the great vigil of Easter Holy Eucharist starts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Easter Sunday service is at the regular time, 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Country Good Times in July is a go. Some support was shown to the recreation committee last week for the 30-year-old festival. If you have time to work on this event and have more suggestions, get in touch with the committee or call me at 448-2018. I'll pass the message on.

The Highlands East Figure Skating Club proudly presented its annual carnival at the Wilberforce Arena on Saturday, March 19. Called Blazing Saddles, it showcased the talents of its skaters with country music, costumes, scenery and props supporting the theme.

The senior skaters not only performed group numbers but solos were given by Candice Grimes, Ashley Alden, Leigha Johnston and Amber Loney. Four of the seniors – Jessica Foulds, Lauren Graham, Caitlan Hunter and Megan MacDuff – gave a fun performance when their group did *Goodbye Earl*. These young ladies also worked well all evening, helping the younger skaters in their numbers. The beginners, skating to that tractor song, included Ethan Evans, Jamie Evans, Taylor Davis, Emma Graham, Vanessa Kennedy, Catherine Lawr, Cody Lawr, Jackie Lawr, Kelsey Maracle and Wesley Stoughton. The elementary group of skaters – Kendra Anderson, Emma Cooper, Erin Solmes and Tyler Stoughton – were great little cowboys. The novices *Living on Live* were Rebecca Anderson, Christina Berning, Lloyd Calfas, Ryan Grimes, Amanda Rodbard and Beth Waugh. Love got the crowd as they watched Shenese Alden, Bethalin Calfas, Brittney Graham, and Kirsten Mulley.

Guest skater Terri-Lynn Lumley from the Haliburton Figure Skating Club was a real charmer, making all her moves with ease and grace. Her confidence and musicality were a pleasure to watch. Terri-Lynn, in her Charlie Chaplin routine, brought some marvelous comedy to the show. If not in skating she can always go for a future career on the stage.

It was a really good evening of skating thanks to the skaters and their coaches, Andrea Donaldson and Crystal Hannah, led by club president Ann Alden.

The community lost another resident last week. Jim Anderson died suddenly at home on Sunday, March 13. After several months vacationing in Florida, Jim and Elaine had returned home in February in time for Jim's 70th birthday and for some health check-ups.

Jim loved to travel and had visited many parts of the world over the years. He grew up in Midland, the son of James and Beatrice Anderson. He worked for a time in the family construction business, then moved into what he really loved, the restaurant business.

If you lived in the Oakville/Burlington area, as I did for many years, one of the special places for a great meal was The Plainsman up on Hwy. #5 on the outskirts of Hamilton. This smorgasbord-style restaurant was a first for me.

Little did I know that the owner would eventually become a resident of my home town. The Plainsman, one of several fine dining establishments operated by Jim Anderson, was his pride and joy. His love of good food, cooking and planning meals was important to him to the end. He will be greatly missed not only for his great meals but for the generous outgoing person he was.

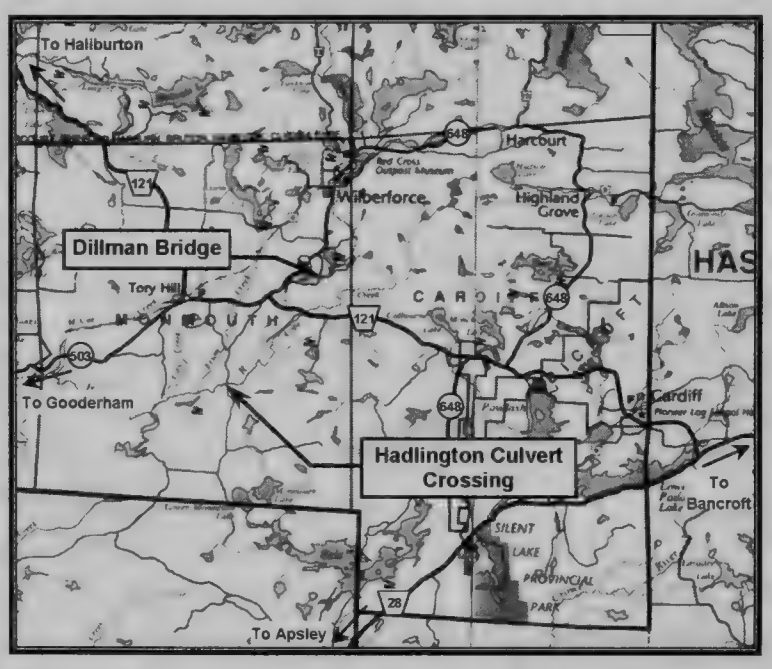
The funeral service led by Rev. Sharon Melvin on March 16 included fine words of remembrance by friends and family. Sympathy is extended to his wife Elaine and the family.

MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – SCHEDULE A
THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST
ROAD CROSSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East conducts inspections on road crossings located within the Municipality every two years in accordance with Ontario Regulation 104/97, Standards for Bridges. Inspection procedures consist of a field examination of the bridge to assess performance of the structural components based on overall indications of defects, comparison of present condition to condition at previous inspection, and cursory assessment of present load carrying capacity.



The most recent inspection identified deficiencies with the Dillman Bridge and the Hadlington culvert crossing. The road crossings are located on Wilberforce Road and Hadlington Road respectively, and their locations are illustrated on the map provided.

As a result of the inspections, the Municipality, with the assistance of SGS Lakefield Research Limited, has initiated a Schedule A - Class Environmental Assessment to determine the most appropriate method to address the deficiencies. The Class Environmental Assessment establishes a self assessment process whereby municipal projects can be planned, designed, constructed, operated, maintained, rehabilitated, and retired without having to obtain project-specific approval under the Environmental Assessment Act.

Schedule A - Class Environmental Assessment projects are limited in scale, have minimal adverse environmental impacts and include a number of municipal maintenance and operational activities. As such, these projects are pre-approved by the Minister of the Environment provided that all requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are met. The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A projects requires that the problem or opportunity, in this case structural deficiencies with two Municipal road crossings, be identified and documented.

Public consultation is not a mandatory component of a Schedule A – Class Environmental Assessment; however, the Municipality would like to ensure that ratepayers are adequately informed of the project so that any desire for further involvement throughout the project by interested parties can be ascertained early on in the process.

If you have any comments or concerns with respect to this study, or to obtain additional information regarding the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East Road Crossing Rehabilitation Project please contact:

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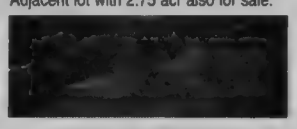

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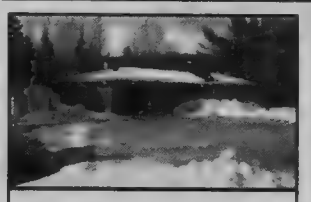

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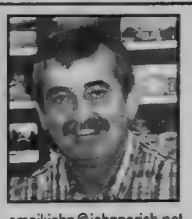

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Happy hunting

Every year the folks at Sir Sandford Fleming College host an Easter Egg hunt: in the last couple of years it has been in soggy (it's just the time of year) Head Lake Park. This year the hunt was held last weekend in the college's brand new campus in Haliburton village.

Three performances in the works for concert series

Haliburton Concert Series presents three outstanding performances for its 2005/2006 season:
Sunday, April 30: Wingfield on Ice
Sunday, October 2: Mark Dubois & David Warrack
Saturday, November 5: Scott St. John

Wingfield on Ice
Written by Dan Needles
Directed by Douglas Beattie

Back in Haliburton just in time to bring a thaw into our lives, Ron Beattie brings his hilarious award-winning alter-ego Walt Wingfield in this fifth in the smash-hit series of Wingfield plays, *Wingfield on Ice*. Hugely successful with audiences and critics, this heart-warming peek into the lives of the folks in Persephone.

Wingfield on Ice stars Rod Beattie as the stockbroker turned gentleman farmer, Walt Wingfield. Indeed, Beattie plays an entire village of brilliantly conceived characters, including Walt's wife, Maggie. The Wingfield plays are the creation of playwright Dan Needles and Doug Beattie is the director. Back by popular demand, Rod Beattie returns to the Haliburton stage as the lovable, laughable, Walt Wingfield. He brings his recipe of down-home humour, memorable characters and true north sensibility for the fifth of a series that never lets up on the laughs.

Now married with wife expecting, Walt is overwhelmed with the idea of fatherhood and wants to bring peace to the whole community. Of course chaos ensues when the Mother-of-all ice storms hits home, and bickering neighbours are forced to hunker down together. Wingfield to the rescue!

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• **Mar. 24:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Monday, Mar. 21, 10 a.m. - noon, held at the Haliburton Home Support office. Caring with confidence. Please call Janet Bottum at the Alzheimer Society Office 457-2941 to register. Refreshments served.
• **Mar. 25:** Wheels to Meals – South Algonquin Cookhouse at 12 noon. Join Community Care Haliburton County for a great meal and social interaction with other seniors. To register, please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596.
• **Mar. 30:** Wheels to Meals – Win Yeung at 12 noon. Community Care Haliburton County meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays at Win Yeung. Please RSVP by calling Aileen Bruce at 457-3375.
• **Apr. 2:** The Haliburton Figure Skating Club (Carnival Evening Performance) – Saturday, Apr. 2nd, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Live Country Music band. Skating Show by the HFSC. Special Appearance by the Haliburton Twirlers. Tickets are available at Highland Images, Village Donuts and the Arena.
• **Apr. 2:** Maplefest – Sat., Apr. 2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. "All you can Eat" Pancake/sausage brunch and bake sale, Lochlin United Church, Lochlin Road off County Road #1. The best deal in town!
• **Apr. 3:** The Haliburton Figure Skating Club (Carnival Matinee Performance) – Sunday, Apr. 3rd, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Live Country Music band. Skating Show by the HFSC. Special Appearance by the Haliburton Twirlers. Tickets are available at Highland Images, Village Donuts and the Arena.
• **Apr. 5:** Free Grocery Store Tour. 1 p.m. or 5:15 p.m. Confused about what foods to buy? Join Rosie Kadwell, Registered Dietitian who will teach you how to make healthy food choices. Learn about best buys and how to read food labels. For more information or to sign up call 457-1391 ext. 245.
• **Apr. 6:** Building Your Organization. The Kawartha Lakes Funding Network and the Kawartha Lakes Association for Volunteer Administration are offering a full day program including effective proposal writing, partnership building and volunteer development for a fee, including lunch. Call (705) 324-9411 ex. 283 for cost, registration or more info.
• **Apr. 7:** Wheels to Meals – Minden Legion at 12 noon. Join Community Care Haliburton County for a great meal and social interaction with other seniors. This group will welcome you with open arms. To register, please call Myrtle Bouthhorn at 754-1711.
• **Apr. 8:** Wheels to Meals – Martinwood at 12 noon. Join Community Care Haliburton County. A monthly get together at this Harcourt reesort. A great way to spend your afternoon. To register, please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596.
• **Apr. 9:** Spaghetti Night fundraiser for the Gelert Community Centre Sat., April 9 at 5 p.m. at Kinmount Legion. For more informatton call 286-2423.
• **Apr. 10:** Gooderham Community Action Group presents "A Spring Musical Interlude" featuring: The Haliburton Concert Band, Melissa Stevens/Dave Hawley Duo, The Tri-Vocals at Gooderham Community Centre. Sun., Apr. 10th at 3 p.m. Tickets available at: Gooderham Post Office, Cranberry Cottage, Also available at the door. Call 447-2977 for info.
• **Apr. 13:** The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will hold their regular meeting Wed., Apr. 13, upstairs at the Minden Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m. The Speaker at 7 p.m. will be Marjorie Ludlow Green, local Author, Editor and Educator. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. No charge. For more details call Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.

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Fri. & Sat., March 25, 26
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sun., March 27, 12 - 4 p.m.
Mon., March 28, 8 a.m. - 12
Furniture, small appliances, tools, etc., etc.

340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

WHITE'S AUCTION SALE
Saturday, March 26, 2005
10 a.m.
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350 WEDDINGS/ ANNIVERSARIES

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
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March 26, 2005
Afternoon tea: 2 - 4 p.m.
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Live band
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440 THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all my neighbours and friends, Dr. Gammon and Karen, all the other Doctors and nurses at the Haliburton Hospital, the dietitians in the kitchen, for all your care during Tom's illness. **Johanna Vos and Family.**

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THANK YOU "He Man" – Just how many ways can I say Thank You. You captivated her heart with your charm and promises. Then you tried to make her into somebody else and failed. You humiliated her, abused her and used her to gratify your ego. When you couldn't make her submit you walked out and left her destitute, yes you are a real "He Man"; you have my thanks for leaving her. You hid your bullying ways so cleverly from everyone. You left her with a lot of emotional scars but you didn't break her spirit. Now she stands and walks beside me, what a treasure and companion. I'm very proud of this special lady. She is a rare find and it is a true pleasure to love her; how fortunate for me that you didn't take the time to see the Lady. "He Man", eat your heart out, she is everything this real man ever dreamed of and more. Thanks again "He Man" I owe you something!!!, **Mat.**

THE ST. GEORGE'S YOUTH GROUP is happy to have acquired a Ping Pong table. Thanks to Gordon Kennedy.

450 IN MEMORIAM

BARRAS – In loving memory of Breanna who passed away March 26, 1992.
To remember you is easy
We do it every day,
Missing you is a heartache
That never goes away.
Lovingly remembered by the **Barras family.**

JOHNSON, JOHN – In loving memory of a wonderful father and grandfather who passed away March 17, 2004.
Resting where no shadows fall
In peaceful sleep he awaits us all
God will link the broken chain
When one by one we meet again.
Forever in our hearts. **Vicky, Rob, Justin and Alyssa.**

McELWAIN, BEV – In memory of a wonderful Dad and Grandpa Bev McElwain February 15, 1937 - March 21, 2004.
Most of what we say and do
Always brings us back to thinking of you.
A year has passed since you went on ahead,
And all our plans are made without you instead.
We miss your stories, your wisdom, your love,
You were always there, now you watch over from above.
We carry on as best we can,
You taught us well ... until we meet again.
Love **Glenda, Gene, Erin, Alan, Amanda, Nicole, Casey and Sarah.**

McELWAIN, BEV – Inloving memory of my husband Bev McElwain. Feb. 15, 1937 - March 21, 2004.
A million times I've neded you
A million times I've cried
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say
Bev – I loved you
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true
I'd pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday and you.
Sadly missed, **Marlene.**

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NICKLE, REBECCA – In memory of Rebecca Nickle, three years ago today.
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To bring you to our minds
The days we do not think of you
Are very hard to find.
Each morning when we awake we know that you are gone
And no one knows the heartache
As we try to carry on.
Our hearts still know the sadness
And the secret tears still flow
For what it meant to lose you
No one will ever know.
Our thoughts are always with you
You place no one could fill
If in life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still.
Your loving **husband Grant and daughter Nona and son-in-law Elmo.**

460 OBITUARIES

ANDERSON, JAMES LENARD (Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario) – Suddenly at home on March 13, 2005 in his 71st year. Dearly loved husband of Elaine (nee Erickson). Cherished father of daughters Shelby Moreau of Midland, Darlene (Rick) Kelly of Harcourt, Maureen (Tom) Anderson, and Brent Anderson all of Midland. Proud grandpa of Ashley, Tyler, Scott, Michael and Chloe. Great grandpa to Kelsey and Haley. Stepfather to James Baxendale of Mississauga. James was the only son of the late James and Beatrice Anderson (nee Miller) of Midland. He worked for many years in construction with his father in the area, and later in many places around the globe. He later expanded into the restaurant business and operated many fine dining establishments in southern Ontario. His love of good food was only exceeded by his generosity and warm friendly nature. Friends and family visited at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. 118, on Tuesday afternoon, March 15, 2005 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday morning, March 16, 2005 at 11 o'clock. Interment St. Marks Anglican Cemetery, Midland. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the Kidney Foundation of Canada would be appreciated by the family.
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AT REST
VAUGHAN, NADA – Died peacefully at home in her 53rd year. Beloved wife of Rick, mother of Amy, Sarah, and Rebecca, mother-in-law of Geoff Gould and Kurt Williams, and grandmother of Nathanael and Michael. Predeceased by her parents, Arvid and Eleanor Pearson. Survived by her sister Elaine Pearson and brother Eric Pearson. Will be greatly missed by family and her many dear friends. Friends and family may call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Haliburton, on Tuesday, March 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral service will be at Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton on Wednesday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. with luncheon to follow. Interment that day at Emily Cemetery, Omemee. In lieu of flowers, there will be an opportunity to donate to Project Gateway, South Africa.

BLOOMFIELD (Tisdall), SARAH ELIZABETH – Died on the 15th of March 2005 at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto in her 24th year. Cherished daughter of Jeff Bloomfield, Liz Tisdall and Art Theberge. Loving sister of David. Sarah is survived by her grandfather Tony Bloomfield of Grimsby, and many aunts, uncles and cousins of Bloomfield, Tisdall, Fewster, Clewes, Sackston and Theberge families. She was predeceased by her grandmothers Audrey Bloomfield, Elsie Bloomfield and Barbara Tisdall, her grandfather Hugh M. Tisdall Q.C., and her cousin James H. Tisdall. Visitation was at St. Andrew's Church, 156 Main St. West, Grimsby, on Friday, March 18, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.. A Requiem Eucharist was celebrated on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at 11 a.m. The Reverends H. Stewart Pike and Cheryl Fricker, celebrants. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CF Unit of St. Michael's Hospital, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the F.O.R.T., or a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Stonehouse-Whitcomb Funeral Home, Grimsby (905) 945–2755.
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GARDNER, RUSSELL ALBERT – Suddenly on Wednesday, March 16th in Mississauga in his 52nd year. Mourned by his fiancé Halina Nawrocki, and her family. Son of Dolores MacGregor (Malcom) and Fred Gardner (Ada). Brother to Tom Gardner (Teri), Nancy Lowes (Rick), Karen Stoneman (Greg), and Rob Gardner. Loving Uncle to Candace, Robert, Brittany, Delaney, Taylor, Jory, Jared, Spencer and Richard. Visitation was on Friday, March 18th at 1 p.m. at Turner & Porter Peel Chapel, 2180 Hurontario Street, Mississauga. Then visitation on Sunday, March 20th from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden, with service that followed Monday, March 21st at 1 p.m. Reception was afterwards. In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations to Haliburton Highlands Hospital Foundation would be appreciated. Donations may also be arranged through Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home (705) 286–2181.
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ROBINSON, CECIL – Passed away at Haliburton Hospital on March 21st, 2005 in his 86th year. Beloved husband of Margaret Emmerson, loving father of Kathryn (Mrs. Garry Burk) of Haliburton, John and his wife Ruth of Vankoughnet, Judith (Mrs. Paul Taylor) of Barrie, Larry and his wife Debbie of Drayton Valley, Alberta and Terry of Cambridge. Fondly remembered by eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Predeceased by six sisters and three brothers. Friends may call at Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 457–9209 on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Service in Chapel on Thursday, March 24th at 2 p.m. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or St. George's Anglican Church Sunday School.
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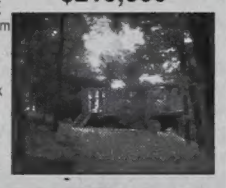

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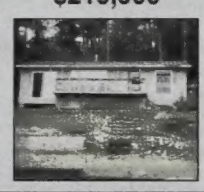

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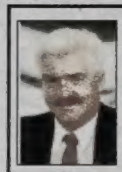

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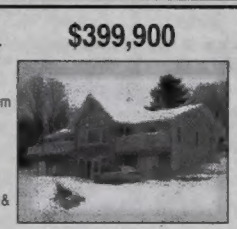

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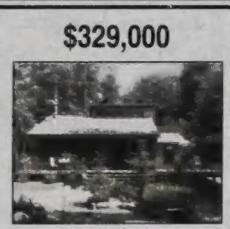

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Asking $399,900

Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911

MINDEN LAKE
Entertain family and friends at this 5 bedroom & bunkie cottage, set on a sloping lot with tall pines & spruce providing privacy. Features incl: large dock at water, sand shoreline, wraparound deck and fireplace with insert.
Call Melanie to view.
$219,000

Julie Gray*

REDSTONE LAKE
Spectacular architecturally designed cottage/home dominating Redstone sand beach. Luxurious 4500 sq ft w/250 ft beach front on two deep, level serviced lots, incl. add'l bldg site, on paved municipal rd. Huge rooms w/massive see through granite FP on both levels, 6 BR, & 4 baths. Economical advanced geothermal heat/AC system.

$1,250,000

SOYERS LAKE
Extraordinary location & view w/great privacy! Add to this a brand new custom finished chalet style 5 BR, 4 bath home, what more could you ask for? Great rm w/floor to ceiling windows, stone FP, hardwood fl & kitchen cabinetry, sunroom, master ensuite w/wo to deck. Sep guest quarters w/ensuite. Call for more details. Fin. lower level w/wo to lake.

$699,000

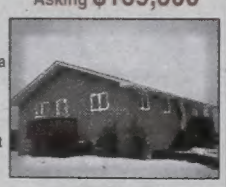
Bill Kulas*

LOCHLIN FARM
This property near Lochlin on Ritchie Falls Rd w/a stream & Burnt River running through has been in the same family for 4 generations. Well kept 4 BR farmhouse, garage/workshop, barn & combination open pasture & bush. **A Must See!** Call **Bill Kulas** for appointment at 705-286-2911 Ext #44.

Asking $199,500

MINDEN BUNGALOW
This modern, open concept raised bungalow was custom built in 2000. Bright, spacious kitchen. Living Rm & Dining Area w/walkout to a large deck. Full walk-out basement featuring a family room & guest 4th BR. Lovely hilltop view. Private country setting. **A Definite Must See!!!** Call **Bill Kulas** today at 705-286-2911 Ext #44.

Asking $169,500



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Linda Beachli***
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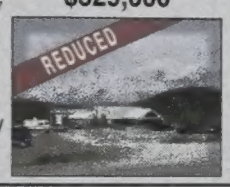
PINE STREET
2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., architecturally designed, timber sided country home. Open concept with great room, dining room & kitchen flowing around the large stone 2 storey fireplace. Cedar deck balcony off upstairs bdrm.
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
457-1011

$469,000

HWY #118
This property is situated on 6.7 acres on Hwy. 118. The 9894 sq. ft. building consists of 6213 sq. ft. for parts & service, a 2116 sq. ft. mezzanine, a 3 bdrm apt. and a large parking lot.
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
457-1011

$529,000



COUNTY ROAD 1
High profile location opposite hospital and new medical clinic. This expansive 1400 sq. ft. home & double car garage is situated on 7 acres of property that has a special mixed zoning use.
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
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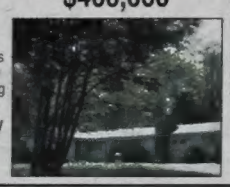
$400,000



COMMERCIAL
Prime 3.5 acres on a high traffic corner lot. Large bright 1500 sq. ft. bungalow with a huge 8000 sq. ft. storage barn & a separate 28'x40' garage. Zoned CH.
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
457-1011

$359,000

Peter Brady**
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*Sales Rep ** Broker ***Broker/Owner